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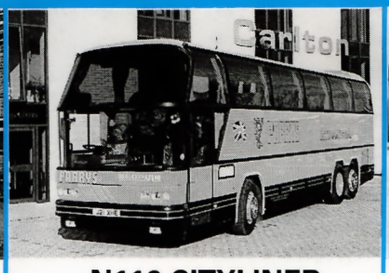

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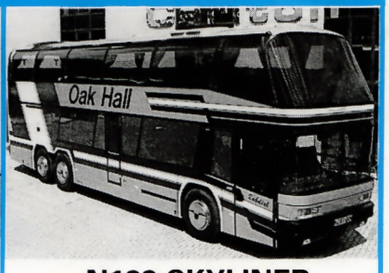

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So, now we know. The industry is faced with the prospect of another five years of Conservative government. On balance, the reaction across the industry is probably one of relief. While Labour's transport team impressed many with the sincerity of their support for the bus, their proposals for network franchising raised many more questions than they answered.

Given the Tory win, industry figures involved in lobbying Whitehall will be relieved that Roger Freeman has retained his position.

But the one thing that the Tory win doesn't mean is five years of business as usual before the next election. Managers in and around London are faced with the prospect of deregulation and the privatisation of London Buses Ltd, and government proposals for that are by no means as clear cut as they were when the consultative document *A Bus Strategy for London* was published last year.

'But the one thing the Tory win doesn't mean is five years of business as usual...'

Outside the capital, the future of those companies remaining in the hands of local authorities has also been settled - they are to be sold off.

While the forced municipal privatisation will be welcomed by many operators, it is bad news for the already hard hit manufacturing sector. One municipal manager told *Coach and Bus Week* that the first thing he did on the Friday morning after the election was to cancel his coming order of new vehicles for the year. The municipals, which have provided considerable support for the manufacturing sector during the recession, are now faced with the choice of buying new vehicles or buying themselves out of local authority control.

Meanwhile, the political arena remains of prime importance, but the emphasis has shifted away from the national to the local arena. Operators throughout the country are faced with the prospects of restraint on bus access to city centres and potentially harmful traffic calming measures in the suburbs.

Unlike the earlier debate on bus priority, which was at least partially won by the BCC and AMA, this is a battle which must be fought by operators at a local level. Petty rivalries between neighbouring bus companies must be buried if the industry is not to be faced with often ill-informed regulations at the most local level which in many cases threaten the economics of bus operation.

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DIGEST

COACH AND BUS WEEK ENDING 25 APRIL 1992

■ **The unexpected** Conservative general election victory sparked mixed reactions from the bus industry - and none more mixed than in the municipal sector, which is now faced with the prospect of compulsory privatisation. While Plymouth Citybus managing director welcomed the continuation of Conservative government with the reaction "It's all systems go for a management/employee buyout," Barry Moore of Ipswich Buses said, "The future of my company and its size are now in doubt. Privatisation is totally inappropriate."

■ **London Transport has revealed** that both London Buses and the Tendered Bus Division are performing better than planned. In 1991 - 1992, LBL had an estimated income of £374 million compared to a planned £370 million, while costs are estimated at £2 million below plan. The Tendered Bus Division was able to generate a much higher income than expected - an estimated £143 million compared to a planned £137 million.

■ **East Yorkshire Motor Services staff** based at Beverley bus station have condemned the facility as "a pigsty" and "a magnet for low life." The bus company has complained to Beverley Borough Council about the state of the buildings, and local councillors have joined the criticism. The council says finding the money for improvements will be a problem.

■ **GM Buses has launched a route** in direct competition with the first phase of Manchester Metrolink, in spite of the fact that the bus operator is a shareholder in the tramway. Although the end-to-end journey is longer than on the tramway, the bus tickets represent a significant saving on the Metrolink fares. GMB maintains that if it didn't run the express bus service, someone else would.

■ **As pressure from local independents** rises, both GMB and Yorkshire Rider have moved to cut wage costs. GMB has started two low cost units to take the fight to its competitors, while Yorkshire Rider has introduced a new low starters wage rate of £3.80 per hour. In both cases unions have agreed to the cuts in the interests of preserving jobs.

COACH AND BUS EVENTS:

- British Coach Rally. April 25&26, Brighton. Fax: 081 842 0070.
- TAS seminar: Concessionary Fares and Ticketing. May 6, Birmingham. Tel: 0772 204988.
- UITP Conference. Public Transport: Security and Environment. May 11-13, Paris.
- IRTE: 23rd Annual Conference and Display. May 14&15, Telford. 071 589 3744.
- Sign UK 92. June 16-18, NEC. Tel: 0707 376816.
- Strategies for Mini and Midi Bus Operations in the 90s. May 29, London. Tel: 071 477 8156.
- Accessible Transport '92. June 25&26, Twickenham Conference Centre. Tel: 081 748 3020.

Red & White now has Merthyr to itself

■ BUS

Cynon Valley quits battle

CYNON Valley Transport has withdrawn from the bus battle in Merthyr Tydfil and left the spoils to Western Travel's Red & White services.

Last week, CVT reached agreement with Norrie and Mark Thomas to leave Merthyr and transfer 60-plus staff to the Red and White payroll. But in a bizarre twist, the influx of CVT drivers - most from defunct National Welsh - brought with it 40 redundancies at Red & White.

"It is very regrettable that we should have to make redundancies," said Mark Thomas. "We would rather not have done this."

Mr Thomas said that the job losses were the result of very severe competition: "We recognised that this could not be sustained in the long term," he told CBW. He said CVT had withdrawn all of its Merthyr registrations and, where Red & White did not already duplicate them, they had been covered by emergency registrations.

CVT's vehicles are back in Aberdare, and the BRS yard which they shared has now been left to Red & White.

"The uncertainty of the last two months is regretted, but this was brought about by the sudden collapse of National Welsh and the rapid disposal of its assets by the receivers," Mr Thomas said.

CVT operations manager Rhydian Williams was unavailable for comment when *Coach and Bus Week* went to press.

■ BUS

Pique in Manchester

MANCHESTER independents have expressed their disappointment at the result of North Western Traffic Commissioner, Martin Albu's, inquiry into GM Buses' alleged predatory action against Citibus Tours (*Coach and Bus Week*, April 18).

Citibus managing director Roger Green said: "I was told by my solicitor that the Traffic Commissioner was leading the inquiry and there was no need for us to substantiate our complaints.

"My solicitor was told by the Clerk to the Traffic Commissioner that we could attend as observers but wouldn't need to speak."

Mr Green's solicitor did not go to the hearing but sent a deputy. Mr Green did not prepare any evidence and was amazed when his company was expected to substantiate its claims and give evidence with no preparation.

"If we'd been given prior notice, we would have brought all our evidence with us and been prepared. As it was, the commissioner stated there was no evidence from other operators and I know there was," he said.

He appealed to other operators to send their complaints to the Commissioner and brief their solicitors: "I feel badly let down, but I shall gather evidence and next time approach the Commissioner fully prepared."

Rodney Dickinson,GMB director, said the company was considering the commissioner's views carefully: "It's obviously clear that a lot of competitive action is perfectly acceptable and you have to understand the rules in detail." CBW

■ BUS

Decision reserved on Sheffield buses ban

NORTH Eastern Deputy Traffic Commissioner, Brian Horner, has reserved his decision on whether or not to ban buses from roads in Sheffield city centre after a two-day public inquiry (*Coach and Bus Week*, March 7).

Severe traffic congestion had prompted Sheffield City Council to apply for a Traffic Regulation Condition banning buses using the whole of Church Street, High Street between Castle Square and Church Street and Eccleshall Road between Hunters Bar and Moore Street in a north easterly direction.

The council also wanted buses banned from Church Street, Haymarket, High Street between Castle Square and Church Street, Leopold Street, Pinstone Street and Waingate, unless they are operating a registered journey which starts or terminates at Sheffield Transport Interchange or on the west side of Flat Street and runs to or from a point within the Metropolitan District of Sheffield that is beyond a 1.5km radius of Sheffield Town Hall; or a registered journey that starts and terminates at different points, both of which are within the Metropolitan District of Sheffield and are beyond a 1.5km radius of Sheffield Town Hall.

At the end of the hearing, Mr Horner indicated he was satisfied that traffic regulation conditions were necessary to prevent danger to other road users and to prevent congestion in the city centre.

But he said he might well vary the regulations sought as a result of the representations made by various operators and in the light of Sheffield City Council's proposed traffic management scheme.

Before directing that any conditions be imposed, he would hold a private meeting of all the parties to discuss the terms of the conditions he proposed.

During the two days, the deputy commissioner heard evidence from, among others, South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, Sheffield Passengers Association, South Yorkshire Transport, Andrews (Sheffield) Ltd, Northern Bus Company, and the police.

● **A full report of the proceedings will be included in the Licensing & Legal columns in a forthcoming issue.**

Buses jam up in Sheffield centre

■ BUS

'We got a fair hearing' - ops

"HE'S MADE HIS MIND UP. HE'S NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT YET"

ALL the Sheffield bus operators, whether present or not, expressed satisfaction with the conduct of the Traffic Commissioner's inquiry.

Steve Arnold, spokesman for South Yorkshire Transport said: "It was a fair hearing and a lot of useful solutions were proferred."

"It was interesting that all the operators said roughly the same and laid a lot of blame at the city council's door for not tackling traffic management."

Transport and General Workers Union secretary, Martin Mayer, contested the council's claim that bus regulation would solve congestion problems.

"A more effective solution would be to set up traffic controls at major junctions to improve the traffic flow," he said.

Ian Dyson of Sheffield Omnibus confessed that his company couldn't spare anyone for three days to attend the inquiry.

"We did submit evidence," Mr Dyson said, "and we agreed with the other operators and the Sheffield Passengers Association that the council had not kept to their side of the bargain to speed up the flow of buses."

Bill Baldwin of Yorkshire Terrier admitted that he didn't speak at the inquiry.

"Mike Sanigar of Andrews said it all for me. I blame the city council as highway authority for a complete lack of foresight," he said.

"Traffic problems existed in 1981 when I joined South Yorkshire Transport, Mr Baldwin said. "Car levels in the centre are much higher now and nothing has been done.

"They don't give buses enough time at green lights to cross junctions and then blame them for queuing up."

All the operators agreed that some very simple traffic controls at a handful of key junctions would alleviate congestion significantly.

They also concluded that it could be unwise to introduce a set of regulation orders which would be superseded within 12 months by the new city centre one-way system designed by the council to accommodate the Supertram. CBW

■ CONSULTANTS
Halcrow Fox Associates and Taylor Lightfoot have completed a study of Manchester's social services transport aimed at cutting the cost of accessible vehicles. The team identified three bus services in south Manchester which could be converted to accessible transport with savings which, say HFA, can be used to invest in upgrading the fleet.

■ HAMPSHIRE County Council has managed to cut the cost of its bus contracts in half, to £190,000, following retendering. In its 'County Bus' newsletter, the council warns that the savings might not be sustainable since some were made after the introduction of commercial services on subsidised routes. There has been a corresponding saving in education contracts due to more competitive pricing.

■ DERBYSHIRE County Council's Wayfarer Ticket sales increased 24 percent in 1991 despite a £1.70 price rise to £6. The introduction of rail services on the all-day ticket is among the reasons, say the council. The operators' panel approved another price rise to £6.30 this year. Manchester's version of the ticket saw a 30 percent decrease in sales.

■ THE Metropolitan Police warns of severe restrictions in London when the State Opening of Parliament takes place on Tuesday May 5 and Wednesday May 6. The controls begin at 9.30 am on Tuesday and at 8.30 am on Wednesday, affecting a large number of roads. Details can be obtained from the Metropolitan Police Coach Advisory Service, on 071 230 5332.

■ COACH

Rough justice - claim

NORFOLK operator Waveney Coaches says "rough justice" by the licensing authority cost him his O-licence and more than £100,000 worth of contracts, although he is now back in business.

Director of Waveney Coaches, Albert Loines, said he simply didn't realise the implications of his first call to public inquiry on the grounds of the firm's financial standing.

"I was out of my depth," he told CBW. ""I simply didn't know what they were planning. I was asked questions I couldn't answer. I also run a haulage business, so I have been to public inquiries. This was different."

Mr Loines feels the inquiry should have been adjourned when it became plain that he did not have the facts he needed to produce: "I never got that chance," he said. "If had taken along my accountant, there is no way I would have lost my licence."

Waveney Coaches now has a new licence thanks to the intervention of Colin Ward, of Fareham-based Ward International. He cleared up the misunderstanding and managed to get Mr Loines a two-year arrangement - restricted owing to earlier maintenance problems.

"But I've now got seven paid-for coaches in the yard and not enough work for them," said Mr Loines. "It has taken four years to build this business, which was just moving into profit."

■ COACH

Six new Caetanos are going to Jeffs this year

Jeffs updates with Volvos

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE independent Jeffs Coaches of Helmdon is updating its 60-strong fleet with the purchase of ten new coaches this year.

Full-size purchases comprise six Volvo B10M chassis with the new Caetano Algarve II coachwork, which are in the course of delivery.

Partner John Jeffs told Coach and Bus Week that the company had standardised on the B10M/Caetano combination for the front line fleet, and the new coaches would not necessarily be earmarked for particular work.

"We undertake continental work for tour companies like Page & Moy and have got some incoming American tourist work this year but all the top vehicles take turns," Mr Jeffs said.

The company has already bought two Toyota Coaster minicoaches this year, and will receive the first two Volvo B6R midicoaches during the summer.

■ COACH

Nat Ex plans

NATIONAL Express has included new Rapide services and routes in its summer timetable.

Rapide services will now connect North Sea Ferries departures at Hull with Scotland, east midlands with Glasgow and Dundee, Perth with London non-stop , and a number of new services into Heathrow and Stansted.

Maidstone has been connected with the National Express network for the first time, using the new Gillingham Coachway stop at Hampstead Valley Shopping Centre, just off junction 4 of the M2. Until this summer, coach users from the Medway towns had to use British Rail to connect with Victoria Coach Station. East Kent Road Car will be operating the new diagrams.

Alton Towers will be served all summer by Nat Ex coaches from London, Milton keynes, West Midlands, Lancashire, Greater Manchester, and South and West Yorkshire, and the Potteries in Staffordshire will be linked with Heathrow.

■ COACH

New franchise

TOYOTA (GB) Ltd is doubling its Optimo dealer network with a new franchise for Moseley (PCV) Ltd which has outlets in Glasgow, Somerset and Doncaster.

Existing dealerships - Yeates, Salvador Caetano and Erringtons - are retained.

Moseley is offering sales and service from Moseley Distributors Ltd, Coatbridge near Glasgow, Moseley in the South Ltd, Taunton; as well as from Moseley's Doncaster headquarters to which they have recently relocated.

Toyota says the appointment was made in the light of Moseley's success and considerable experience over many years in the coach industry.

All three locations will be Toyota and Caetano parts stockists and will offer full after-sales service. The move more than compensates for the loss of its north east outlet when West Durham Coach Sales ceased trading earlier this year.

■ COACH

Luton & District improves coach routes

EMPLOYEE-owned Luton & District Transport has improved its Hertline coach routes linking Stevenage and north Herts with Cambridge and London. After consultation with passengers, the company has made significant changes to its commuter timings. Baldock gets a commuter facility to London, as well as a coach providing a 9.30 am arrival in the capital. there are extra coaches between Stevenage and London, and diversions are to be made to serve Knebworth House and the Imperial War Museum at Duxford. CBW

■ BUS

Capital victory

TT Tsui's Capital Citybus operation has won another London Transport contract.

The company's latest success is route 257 Stratford - Chingford, currently run by Roger Bowker's East London LBL subsidiary with 12 Titans. The contract won by Citybus is for a slightly reduced service, but with a commensurate increase in service on route 97A, which citybus also runs, it will still require 12 vehicles.

"The contract calls for mid-life vehicles," said Citybus managing director, Leon Daniels. "But it's not due to start until October and I will wait until nearer the time to see what the market is doing before I buy anything."

In the same round of tendering, David Humphrey's London United lost route 295,which runs from Ladbroke Grove to Clapham Junction, to fellow LBL subsidiary, London General. Following the switch of operator, also due in October, vehicles on the route will change from 12 double deckers to 21 high frequency midi single deckers. Managing director, Keith Ludeman, said he had not yet made a decision on which vehicles to buy.

First Optare to replace Titan

■ BUS

Deltas in service

EAST London's order for 19 Optare Deltas for Dagenham and Romford (*Coach and Bus Week*, March 28) commenced delivery this week and introduces standee single deckers as the first phase of London Buses' Leyland Titan replacement programme.

Finished in a new company livery of silver and red, the Deltas feature the two-door, centre standee layout with 40 seats and room for 31 standing passengers.

Built to London Transport Schedule X specification, the buses have a higher flat floor which adds a second step to both entrance and exit.

■ BUS

Six Ikarus for LT work with Grey-Green

GREY-Green has introduced the first Ikarus-bodied DAF SB220 buses on LT franchised routes. The buses conform to LT's Schedule X specifications.

Supplied by fellow Cowie subsidiary Hughes DAF of Cleckheaton, the six vehicles are the first Hungarian bodied versions to have the completely flat floor and the low emission 9 Nox engine.

Hungarian bodies have flat floors

General manager, John Card, told *Coach and Bus Week* that the 48 seaters were allocated to the routes from Debden to Ilford and Walthamstow. "Unlike London Coaches, we have not specified full soft trim, to allow the buses to be washed and cleaned inside more easily," he said.

■ BUS

Marshall at IRTE

MARSHALL SPV, the company which took over production of the Carlyle mini and midi bus designs, marks its return to the bus market at the IRTE show in Telford on May 14 - 15.

The Cambridge company will show an Iveco Ford 59.12 based Daily Bus. Specification includes 29 seats, power doors, destination equipment and and independent saloon heater.

■ BUS

Bus station is a magnet for low life

STAFF at Beverley bus station have slammed the facility as being "a pigsty and magnet for low life." The bus station is owned by the local council, but used primarily by East Yorkshire Motor Services.

EYMS has written to Beverley Borough Council with a catalogue of complaints about the state of the buildings, including the condition of the toilets. Local councillors have joined in the criticism.

A spokesman for the council said finding money to carry out improvements had been a problem.

"It's true that we have received a letter from the bus company about the condition of the bus station, but the problem has been finding the money to do something about it.

"But there is something in the pipeline soon, so hopefully something can be done."

A bus driver at Beverley commented that the seediness of the area acted as a magnet for low life and it presented a distasteful face of the town for visitors. Another said "We all think it's a pigsty." CBW

■ **CONSULTANT Steer Davies Gleave has been appointed by Grampian Regional Council to design bus priorities on four major routes leading to Aberdeen's Union Street - the main shopping street where bus lanes designed by SDG were successfully introduced last year. Top priority is been given to the King Street/Ellon Road corridor which will serve a proposed 1000 car park and ride facility at the Bridge of Don. Improved passenger information systems with real time displays at key stops will be considered in the future.**

■ **BCT Ltd has published a pack to help companies recruit and retain key staff, with particular reference to bus and coach drivers. This pack, which includes example application and interviewing forms, costs £25 from BCT Ltd, Gable House, 40 High Street, Rickmansworth, Herts WD3 1ER.**

■ **EUROLINES has started running its twice weekly direct service from London to Prague with its Czechoslovakian partner, CSAD. Fares start from £85 youth return. "Prague represents a growing destination for the UK and its neighbouring European markets," said Eurolines general manager, John Gilbert.**

■ **GREEN Line and other operators have teamed up with Whipsnade Wild Animal Park to provide a free day out for some 1,000 needy children. Thirty coaches, led by a prototype RMC, will take the children in convoy to the park. Everything has been donated free - the coaches, drivers' time and admission to the park.**

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■ COACH AND BUS

Five more years

In the wake of the General Election and the Conservatives' record fourth term in office, the PSV industry focuses attention on Tory transport policy. Coach and Bus Week asks five leading industry figures about their hopes and aspirations

BARRY Moore, managing director of Ipswich Buses, cancelled an order for eight new buses on the morning after the election because of the uncertainty over municipal ownership. He said: "With the treat of privatisation the future of the company and its size are in doubt. We couldn't risk a £750,000 order.

"Privatisation is totally inappropriate. Although I was against the creation of the National Bus Company as a monolith and welcomed its break-up, I think it's wrong to carry the policy right through to the detail.

"It flies in the face of a party which offers choice because local companies should be given the choice to remain council owned. Municipal bus services are an area where we need some certainty and having the ownership change forced upon us is unnecessary.

"I'm hoping there will be a change of direction in terms of public transport matters rather than dogmatic matters. One of the issues that the General Election missed was the environment - which includes the role of public transport.

"However, we've got to face up to the future realistically. We've done the contingency planning if we have to go down the path of privatisation. Meanwhile we're looking at the future with some uncertainty."

Barry Moore

Tory victory welcomed with open arms

Brian Fisher

BRIAN Fisher, managing director of Plymouth Citybus, welcomed the Tory victory with open arms. He said: "It's all systems go now for a management/employee buyout we've had planned for 12 months with the full backing of the workforce. Four managers and four from the workforce make-up the buyout team.

"The election clarified the situation and avoided the worst scenario - a hung parliament. As from Monday it's been all systems go. I've done a letter to the workforce and we're meeting on Sunday morning. We've fixed a meeting with the leader of the Labour controlled council and I'm hoping for his backing. Once we've got the go ahead our legal advisers view is that we can have it all settled within three to six months.

"We've been living with uncertainty since July 1983. Although the nature of the business through the effects of deregulation is clear, it is the ownership that has remained unclear for five or six years."

'Let's end the jams'

KEITH Barstow, managing director of Kingston upon Hull City Transports, wants to focus attention on urban congestion. He said: "We're very keen that the key issues are debated.

"KHCT has produced a video which has been sent to national, local and regional politicians. What we have had is a very positive response from local chambers of trade and commerce - which is really quite exciting. The aim of our thrust is to turn the public transport debate in favour of our proposals.

"We're very keen to get the issues debated. Let's use the community-wide concerns about congestion to our advantage.

"Before the election there was so much trendy talk about the resurgence of public transport, but the time has come for politicians to put the money where their mouth is.

"I'm desperately looking forward now to seeing when the talk turns into a financial plan which sees public transport as the solution. Our video points out there is more than one answer to urban congestion.

"Let's do a pick and mix to find the best solution. There's one example locally of an initiative which got bad press because car users were inconvenienced. This bus priority scheme went from nothing to a three-mile bus priority without the public appreciating the wider benefits."

'Capital is the key issue'

LEN Wright, head of Q Drive which includes London Buslines, said: "I was pleased to see the Conservative victory which is good for business as a whole.

"I'm pleased to see a clear result, but from my point of view the key issue is what will happen in London. I will not be surprised to see it take some different form - perhaps with some quality and quantity control.

"The Government has a smaller majority and a there's been a lot of pressure from some Tory MPs against deregulation in London. One of the things I'm looking for is a clear statement so that all of us can get on with our business."

John Pycroft

'Worried over London dereg'

GREY Green general manager, John Pycroft, is enthusiastic about the Tory victory, but worried about the threat of London deregulation. He said: "My hopes are limited to deregulation in London. I hope they don't follow through the deregulation policy in London.

"Operating profits in the rest of the country have been affected - passenger numbers are down 16 percent and passenger mileage down 19 percent. It's the same old story and bad news all-round.

"In London I'd like to see competitive tendering extended, but with the operator retaining the revenue as an incentive to provide a good service." CBW

■ COACH

Rules are extended

VEHICLES on airport roads now come into the scope of drivers' hours and tachograph regulations. After a recent High Court judgement, "roads open to the public" as defined in Article 1 of EC Regulation 3820/85 must in future be interpreted as roads to which the general public has access, irrespective of who maintains or owns them.

Before this judgment, only publicly-owned and maintained highways were considered to be within the regulations. Setting the tachograph to "other work" mode when travelling off the highway must now be confined to those areas where driving is on private roads from which the public is specifically excluded.

John Schock, Vehicle Inspectorate traffic enforcement manager, said: "This ruling has been helpful in clarifying an area of the law which up to now has been confused."

■ BUS

Jail bus

THE first private prison in Britain has its own bus service for staff and visitors.

EYMS Group subsidiary, Cherry Coaches , is running a service between Brough railway station and the Wolds Remand Centre at North Cave, Humberside.

East Yorkshire Motor Services is also running buses to the remand centre on an hourly service from Hull. All the buses will divert from the main road to serve the prison direct.

■ BUS

Dublin minibus op hit by strike

HIGH-frequency minibus operation in Dublin, due to start at the beginning of the month, was postponed at the last minute because of threats of strike action.

Dublin Bus, the company now headed by former South Yorkshire Transport director, Bob Montgomery, now hopes that the very first service conversion may go ahead after easter.

Intervention by the Irish Labour Court brought both sides together last week to resolve the issue of minibus conversion, after an initial refusal of trade unions to sanction the work.

The court often moves to arbitrate in disagreements before strike action or stoppages take place. The hearing is understood to have drawn up a document satisfactory to both parties.

Workforce balloting took place just before Easter, and the company was hopeful of reaching agreement for an early start of operations.

Double-deck operation of the 83 service to Kimmage, which presently operates at a loss will be converted to minibus operation with an improvement of headways from 35 to 40 minutes to seven to eight minutes. Seven Wright-bodied Mercedes minibuses have already been earmarked for the route.

Dublin Bus transport planning manager, Donald Keating, said the higher frequency was expected to produce a growth in patronage to make the service viable.

■ LRT

Guided busway possibility

DUBLIN may get its first guided busway within two years, if plans approved by the Irish Government receive financial support from European Community Structural Funds.

The Government has approved the re-opening of nearly half of the disused railway line to Bray which was closed in 1958, to provide new high-speed links to Milltown and Dundrum.

A guided busway is a prelude to a more robust light-rail system, but the exact nature of the conversion will not be decided until the full extent of EC funds is known.

It is understood that the Government and city authorities would prefer an LRT system, but acknowledge that a busway would be cheaper and capable of upgrading if demand increased.

Dublin's buses may be running on a busway soon

Total cost of the re-opening is expected to be in the region of IR£10 million, much of it to be spent on renewing bridge structures. An EC contribution of around IR£6 million is hoped for.

The four-mile busway would join the city streets at Harcourt Street Station, and journey times from the populous and congested suburbs would be cut by half during peak periods.

Donald Keating, transportation planning manager of Dublin Bus, said the company hadn't finally worked out its plans.

"As the major operator in Dublin, we would expect to use the busway but, with the possibility of deregulation looming, nothing is certain," he said.

Wrights - maintenance by a truck dealer

■ BUS

Wrights closes workshops

WRIGHTS of Wrexham has closed maintenance workshops in Pen-y-bont, making five staff redundant, and contracted out maintenance to a truck dealer as the company tightens its belt for a new round of Clwyd County Council tenders.

The company's main garage at Ruabon is unaffected by the changes.

Managing director, John Wright, said the combined effect of the recession and competition with Crosville Wales on Wrexham local services dictated a cut in operating costs.

"In the present uncertain climate, we're better off without our maintenance depot," explaining he was expecting to lose routes when the three-year contracts came up for renewal in June." CBW

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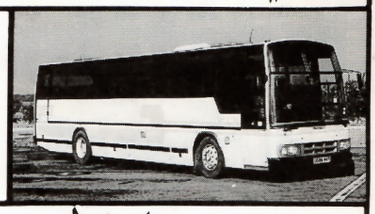

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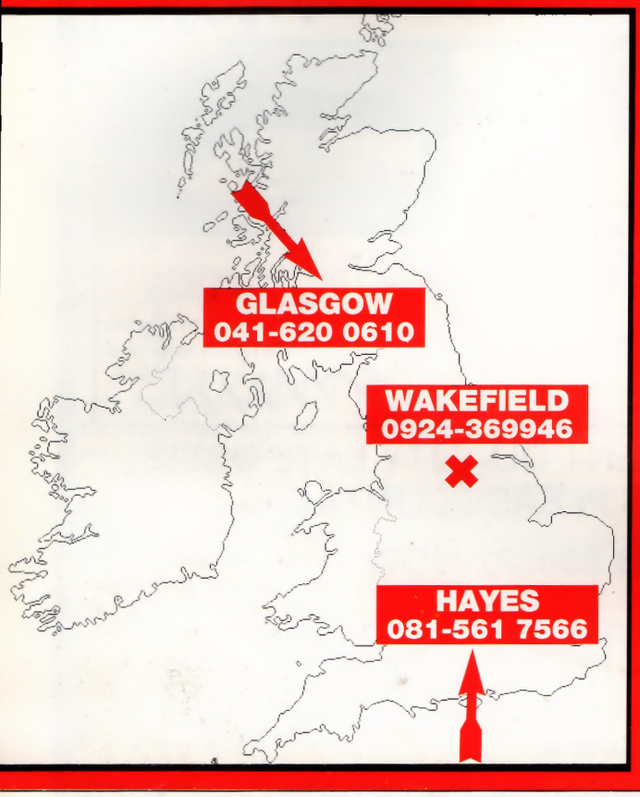

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■ BUS

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Municipal takes Optare option

LANCASHIRE municipal, Burnley and Pendle Transport has switched from its traditional supplier Mercedes to Optare for the two newest additions to its 'Whizzard' minibus fleet.

Built completely to Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive tendered bus specifications, the 23 seaters feature a large peaked destination dome, side blind and rear number box - all with electronic dot matrix equipment.

Additional lighting includes doorway illumination, with step heights governed by PTE parameters.

A luggage pen and DiPTAC features are included in the interior layout.

Ian Lord, B&P's engineering director said the MetroRiders were not earmarked for any particular route, and were currently supplementing the company's existing minibus fleet.

"Sooner or later, the PTE will insist on their vehicle specifications before we can bid for their tendered service contracts. We found it cheaper to build a new vehicle than to undertake conversion work on stock models," he said.

■ BUS

Metrolink gets bus competition from GM Buses

GM Buses - a shareholder in the Manchester Metrolink - is to compete against the tramway with a bus route between Bury and Manchester.

The bus company claims that a separate market exists for an express bus route, and deputy managing director Rodney Dickinson claimed that if his company didn't do it then someone else would.

During construction work, GMB was one of a number of operators providing rail replacement services on contract to the PTE. Market research on the replacement route revealed a demand for its continuation, according to GMB.

Weekly tickets between Bury and Manchester cost £9.99 with GMB and £16.20 on Metrolink. End to end running on the tramway is 25 minutes and GMB claims that its service takes no longer than 40 minutes.

Mr Dickinson said: "We didn't want to leave a gap and the non-stop service is part of our new express bus network."

GMB - now running against Metrolink

■ BUS

Low-cost depots in GMB set-up

Greater Manchester Buses has supplemented its garage structure with two stand-alone depots.

The operating units employ new staff on different terms and conditions from other GMB staff including rates of £4 per hour for driving full size vehicles and £3.71 for minibuses.

Staff operate GMB vehicles from two new sites; the Charterplan depot in Stockport where maintenance is contracted out to BRS and the other at the Bennett Street training ground at the rear of the Hyde Road depot. Further sites will be opened in the near future.

Both units are still at the embryonic stage with about 10 buses and 20 staff allocated to each. Operations are controlled by a team leader who reports to the business manager at the nearest depot. Leading drivers will be appointed as the units grow.

Rodney Dickinson, GMB's deputy managing director, said up to 100 vehicles could be put into the units, which have three main aims. They are to compete for tenders on equal terms with low cost independents, they will pick up loss making services which would otherwise have been deregistered by GMB and perhaps lost through tendering, and they will operate competitive services against GMB's opposition.

Mr Dickinson said: "These units will go some way to meeting the competition on their terms and we hope to retain our market share."

■ BUS

Rider pay drop

YORKSHIRE Rider has introduced a low pay rate for new road staff of £3.80 per hour in an attempt to reduce costs and make the company more competitive in tendering.

Agreement with staff over the rate was reached after a ballot, supplementing the two-tier structure which was introduced in 1988. This had created a 'B' rate of pay for new starters and drivers who accepted a lump sum payment for moving off the higher 'A' rate.

Rider managing director, Bill Cottham explained that when the B rate was introduced, 30 per cent of the staff were expected to be on it, which corresponded to the 30 per cent of mileage which was tendered.

"We agreed that the B rate drivers would move up to A rate after five years, but this has subsequently been reduced to three years, and with a slowing down of recruiting we are now well short of the 30 per cent."

The new rate will apply to up to 30 per cent of the staff, with promotion only when the quota is filled. The B rate will be phased out as drivers reach their three years. A new rate of £4.35 for mixed rotas involving minibus drivers has also been introduced.

Mr Cottham said: "Tendering for contracts is getting keener and the staff realise that to become competitive and retain work we have to bring our cost base down." CBW

■ BUS

London Buses is £6 million ahead

RM refurbishment continues

BOTH London Buses and the Tendered Bus Division are performing better than planned, according to figures released by London Transport.

LT's annual business plan shows that in 1991-1992 London Buses returned an estimated income of £374 million compared to a planned £370 million. Costs were £2 million below plan at an estimated £455 million and the estimated loss is £81 million compared to a planned £87 million. For 1992 - 1993 both income and costs are planned to rise to £375 million and £61 million respectively, giving a planned loss of £86 million.

The Tendered Bus Division was able to generate much higher revenue than expected - £143 million compared to £137 million. Costs too,were up £3 million on the planned figure to to £164 million, but only £21 million is estimated as having been lost, compared to a planned £24 million. Income is planned to rise to £64 million in 1992 - 1993, with cost up to 185 million giving a planned loss of £21 million.

While the bulk of LT's planned £1,200 million planned investment budget for the coming year is devoted to the Underground, the business plan does recognise that many transport problems can be solved quickly and cheaply by making a bid increase in the provision of bus priority measures. Investment in London buses was up this year thanks to the organisation's better than expected performance. £39 million was invested in 1991 -1992, compared to a planned £30 million. The planned figure for next year is £30 million. Investment in new vehicles was well ahead of plan in 1991 -1992, with £25 million being spent, compared to a planned £16 million. Next year investment is planned at £16 million, plus the continuation of the Routemaster refurbishment programme.

Other areas due for investment include bus stop facilities - including a trial of 50 real time information displays at stops on route 18.

While, thanks largely to improved reliability, bus mileage is currently running higher than planned, LT estimates there will be a slight fall in demand for bus services in the current year thanks to the rise in car ownership and the continuing recession. A further five per cent of the London network will be put out to tender during the coming year, bringing the total operated under the system to 43 per cent of the network.

Introducing the 1992 - 1993 business plan, LT chairman and chief executive, Wilfrid Newton said: "London requires a public transport system that is safe, reliable and efficient. The coming year will see advances in improving efficiency within the group and also progress on many investment projects. We must recognise that in many areas the service we provide must improve." **CBW**

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■ BUS

Academics warning... don't deregulate

GOVERNMENT plans to deregulate London's buses have been slammed in a report by Professor Peter White and Dr Steven Cassidy of the Transport Studies Group, Polytechnic of Central London.

Local Bus Deregulation and the Consumer, published in *April's Consumer Policy Review*, says deregulation outside London has given passengers a poor deal, with sharply rising fares in the large cities and no apparent improvement in services.

The report outlines the post deregulation decline in ridership outside London, and argues that while free competition has increased the number of bus miles run it has not resulted in cheaper fares or an overall gain in frequencies or additional routes being served. White and Cassidy argue that many of the additional journeys run when competition starts on a route are so close to those already scheduled by the incumbent operator that little benefit accrues to the consumer.

Indeed they suggest that when competition starts on an already well served route, additional buses do little to generate extra traffic and passenger loadings and thus profits fall. Unit costs per passenger rise, and then have to be covered by subsequent fare increases. A spiral effect may then develop where high frequencies are associated with high fares and low occupancy, leading to a fall in ridership.

Deregulation has led to a reduction in operating costs, largely through real cuts in the wages and conditions of drivers and conductors and delays in renewing buses. But these savings have not been passed on to consumers and and bus industry profitability remains low.

The report warns that Government plans to deregulate London make misleading use of studies of the deregulated environment outside the capital and ignore the major problem of post deregulation fleet renewal.

Victoria still due for long-term replacement

■ COACH

Coach station hit

THE recession has hit Victoria Coach Station hard. According to LT's business plan, income is expected to be eight per cent below the planned £5 million, which itself anticipated a continuing slump. For 1992 -1993 income is planned to increase marginally, with costs rising broadly in line with inflation. Investment expenditure will decline by more than half as upgrading works are completed. In the longer term, LT remains committed to finding a new site for the capital's coach terminal. **CBW**

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Q Can you please advise on the following points: (1) Are there any firm instructions from the Department of Transport regarding the insertion and removal of tachograph charts. I have a driver who insists that his disc should be left in a tachograph overnight, but this can result in an overlapping trace when duty start times are more than 24 hours apart. I thought this to be illegal.

(2) When should a driver insert the finishing point on a tachograph chart? Some drivers insist that this should be done at the start of the day and that this has been accepted by the DTp on spot checks.

(3) When the revised hours regulations came into operation, with the fixed week starting at 0001 on Monday, I seem to recollect seeing somewhere that operators could opt for a different working week basis - as long as it was a long term arrangement. Does this still apply?

(4) Is it permissible to open the tachograph during the working day to review when breaks must be taken or duty finished?

(5) In a recent issue of the lorry drivers' magazine, *Headlight*, it was suggested that a driver could use his vehicle, for example, during an overnight rest period to go to a place of entertainment or refreshment, provided he inserted a tachograph disc marked 'private use'. Is there an equivalent provision for a coach driver?

T.S.S.Yorks

A I will attempt to answer this multi-part question using the numbers you have given:

(1) The law requires drivers to 'Use record sheets on every day which they are driving, starting from the moment they take over the vehicle. The record sheet shall not be withdrawn before the end of the daily working period [without authority]. It would not appear necessary to leave discs in after the end of the working day to comply.

It is certainly illegal to use a disc 'to cover a period longer than that for which it is intended' - ie to leave it in a tachograph for more than 24 hours. The advice of the Department of Transport is consistent with all of this and is now set out in a new edition of leaflet PSV 375. This can be obtained, free of charge, from traffic area offices.

(2) I agree that the actual words of the law regarding the completion of the finish point are imprecise, but it seems contrary to the concept of having a tachograph record to insert the expected finishing point at the commencement of a working day. Indeed, the advice given in PSV 375 is that the date and starting point must be completed before departing and the date and finishing point should be inserted after arrival.

(3) For driving within the scope of EC hours law, the week is unalterably fixed as starting at 0001 on Monday. The working week is the same for out of scope (domestic) work. However, for domestic work only, the operator can make application to the Traffic Commissioner to have the week commence on any other day. There may be some point in doing so (although it eludes me) where all work is domestic. But in a mixed operation it would compound an already complicated business to have two, different, periods which counted as working weeks.

(4) Apart from the words I have quoted about removing charts before the end of the working day, there does not appear to be any legal reason why a tachograph should not be opened for a short period, when the vehicle is stationary, during the working day. Indeed, it would have to be opened when double manned to change over the position of discs.

(5) The EC Regulations on Drivers' Hours and Tachograph use are common for vehicles used for the carriage of passengers or goods and applies whether they are laden or not. Although I do not profess to be an expert of goods law application, I think that I can safely say that a lorry tractor unit, when detached from its trailer is not a vehicle used for the carriage of goods and could, therefore, be used for private purposes. I imagine that the *Headlight* advice about endorsing a disc is to avoid any suggestion of unlawful use in the missing mileage which would show up if a 'private' disc was not used. I can not see how a rigid lorry (whether empty or laden), or any PSV, could be used outside of legal driving hours for private purposes - unless the circumstances are such that Article 12 might apply: 'Provided that road safety is not thereby jeopardised and to enable him to reach a suitable stopping place, the driver may depart from the provisions of [the] Regulations to the extent necessary to ensure the safety of persons, the vehicle or of its load. The driver shall indicate the nature of and reasons for his departure from those provisions on the record sheet of the recording equipment.'

Q A driver of ours was threatened with prosecution for turning right with a coach where a road sign banned right turns 'Except Buses'. I thought that as far as traffic signs are concerned, a bus and a coach were treated equally. Is this not correct?

W.M.S. Bristol.

A It depends on what the Traffic Regulation Order does, in fact, specify, and some orders are limited to buses providing a local service.

There are two approved signs, one of which is 'Except Buses' and the other 'Except Buses & Coaches'. It is only that latter which will give clear rights to all classes of PSV. The former is likely, but not certainly, to imply authorised use by only a restricted class of PSV.

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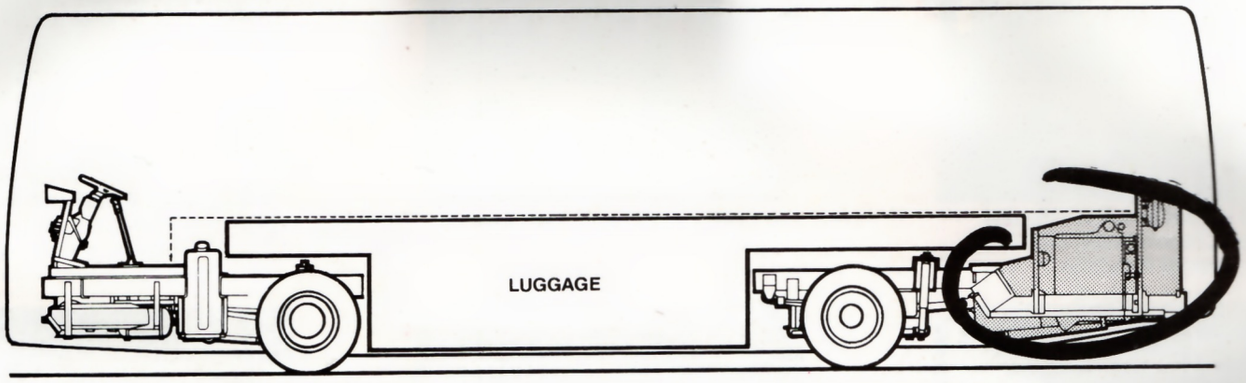

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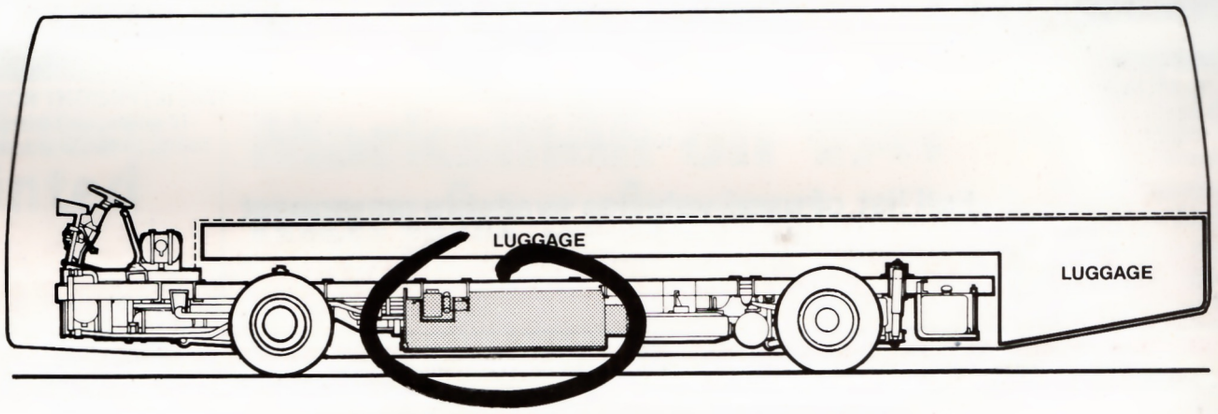

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WMT is innocent

From Don Colston

I refer to your article 'Comp-etitors speak out on WMT buy' in *Coach and Bus Week* April 4.

You refer to 'an estimated £5.5million to protect its lucrative routes'. I can assure you that WMT does not spend excessive amounts of money in the way you suggest. I trust that you will check with the source of your information and ensure that this is brought to the attention of your readers.

I would like to comment on the statements made by Mike Smith of Your Bus. It was Mr Smith who increased the number of his buses running on route 50 from 8 to 12 and then has the nerve to refer to 'unnecessary bussing.' WMT only responded to Mr Smith's actions - not the other way round.

On the subject of Mr Smith and Your Bus, your readers should know that here is a classic situation of creaming off traffic. Mr Smith only provides a service on the 50 route from 7am to 7pm on Mondays to Saturdays. It is West Midlands Travel who operates the comprehensive network in the area which is so necessary to maintain the credibility of public transport in this country. If West Midlands Travel were to operate like Your Bus, we could undoubtedly increase our profits considerably but at the expense of the public service or the public purse in having to finance more evening, Sunday and Bank Holiday services.

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Don Colston
Managing director
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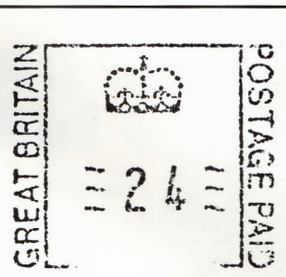
Birmingham



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Road tests reprinted

From Kevin Fazakerley

As a reader of your magazine under one title or another, it has been most enjoyable and informative, especially vehicle evaluations and the maintenance diary.

In the early years I would keep said magazine to look back on, but when it became impossible to close the spare bedroom door it was time to reduce my stocks. Having done this the time came some months later to replace a vehicle, but, not being able to look back at the reports, with what?

What I am trying to find out is whether it would be possible to produce a list of vehicles that have been evaluated over the years so that operators could ask for a back issue or a copy of the report, at a charge, to assist them in the purchase of a vehicle.

The other thing that is confusing are the pre-fix numbers on the makes of vehicle - eg YMP, YLQ, DKTL. Perhaps someone could throw some light on these.

Kevin Fazakarley
Proprietor
Zak's Coaches
Great Barr
Birmingham

Great idea! A way of ordering copies of road tests through the magazine is being organised at this moment, Mr Fazakerley. Watch this space - ED.

Marksman on VAT margin scheme

From Ellen LeHane

I refer to page 18 of *Coach and Bus Week* 11 April, Marksman's Questions & Answers page. A question from MB in Staffs on tour operators VAT margin scheme makes reference to a previous article by Marksman on the subject. Will you please be kind enough to tell me the date of the issue in which this article appeared?

Mrs Ellen LeHane
Lehane Travel Ltd
Canterbury
Kent

Marksman's article certainly touched a nerve with coach operators, Mrs LeHane. We have had many requests for information about the tour operator's VAT Margin scheme. The article was published in Coach and Bus Week issue 3 March 7 - ED.

Alternatives to Murphy Switches

From Robert Attewell

In *Coach and Bus Week* April 11, Marksman answered a question from one of your readers about Murphy Switches. May I point out that there are other systems made to cover oil pressure coolant temperature and indeed coolant level.

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Bring back coordinated transport

From David Wayman

The existence of competing multiple journey ticket schemes in Greater Manchester, and elsewhere, (Coach and Bus Week April 11) is to be deplored. It destroys integration and, I believe, adds nails to the coffin of bus travel in general.

But under deregulation it was inevitable. So, while it is understandable that smaller operators should be critical, why aren't they also campaigning for new legislation to end deregulation and bring about a properly integrated and coordinated transport system?

That way we could have a range of tickets covering any bus/mode/time/destination throughout the county or region. And that would really be in the interests of passengers.

David Wayman
Convenor
Oldham Transport Users' Forum

Coin a phrase and win a bubbly bottle

A NEW vocabularly is evolving alongside deregulated bus services.

Last month, SYT's Peter Sephton coined the word Boliviaisation as a more substitute for deregulation: Bolivia is the only South American country to have introduced large scale competition into the provision of its bus services.

Now another word has entered the lexicon of deregulation. Minibuses are 'Heineken' buses - because they reach the parts others do not.

Other words are bound to emerge. To encourage the process, we are offering a bottle of fine *Coach and Bus Week* Champagne to the wittiest suggestion we receive within the next two weeks.

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Sixty years in Wigan

TV addicts who are also coach operators may be confused by the appearance of Shearings MD John Slatcher on the box. In ads which promote the case for moving businesses to Wigan, Mr Slatcher gives his heartfelt endorsement of the Lancashire town. Laudable though this may be, are we missing something? Has Shearings not been based at Wigan this past 60 years or so? As a cost-saving exercise, perhaps the advertising could be curtailed in areas other than Wigan, and the campaign retitled "Stay in Wigan, please" aimed at the local businesses.

Is this vandalism?

ONE solution to the ever increasing dilemma of what to do with time-expired van-derived minibuses is illustrated above.

Yorkshire Traction has ingeniously converted some of its 16 seaters to vans, completing the circle started when Dormobile first built the bodywork in the heady days of autumn 1986.

With first-generation Freight Rover Sherpas now piling up at dealer's yards around the country, it's a wonder that some entrepreneur has not set up a business of high- quality conversions with power doors etc.

However, lest you think that this conversion business is relatively easy, we're told that, while another bus was being stripped out, Lincolnshire Road Car received a call from Cwmbran and the seats had to be hurriedly refitted as the five-year-old set off for horizons new in Merthyr!

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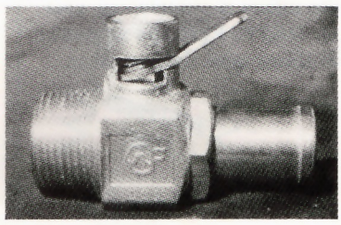

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Capital confusion - a sign of the times

Coach drivers in London don't know which way to turn

Taking a coach to the capital presents its own special problems - not least where to park. But first drivers face a maze of special signs waiting to trap the unwary. Mike Morgan looks for guidance

AS the coach season builds up so do the number of trips to London. Those already there have learned to live with the daily nightmare - slow-moving traffic, bus lanes, no right turns, weight limits, waiting restrictions, red routes, green routes, prohibitions. But for others there are traps at every turn.

If the capital is where the punters want to go, regardless of the ever-present threat of terrorism, then coach operators are duty bound to oblige - especially if the price is right.

Companies geared to National Express workings will know the route into Victoria like the back of their hand. Should it be Wembley for the FA Cup or Rugby League Challenge Cup, then there's little problem. However, make it central London - a hotel, a museum, shopping - then the difficulties are manifold.

Richard Heslop knows his way around. He should do. He lives there, works there and daily takes his turn on the tourist circus ferrying Americans, Spanish, Japanese and others to and from Heathrow and Gatwick. Yet he unwittingly fell foul of a traffic sign at the junction of Oxford Street and Regent Street.

Or did he? The question was taken up by his solicitor and the Crown Prosecution Service decided not to proceed with the case and Richard was subsequently awarded costs.

Good news for Richard, but a further stir of muddy waters for all other coach and bus drivers.

The traffic sign that caused the dispute clearly allowed a 'bus' to turn right. Richard's Dubrava was not considered to be a bus by the police, the CPS ducked the issue, yet those responsible for the regulations are adamant - it depends on vehicle use.

Confused? I engaged the help of Owen Woodliffe from the Metropolitan Police coach unit and two key officers from the City of Westminster's department of planning and transport.

These three experts guided my coach - or is it bus - on a two-hour sightseeing tour. As we weaved through the permitted coach roads our attention was focused on those metal plates angled tantalisingly at coach driver's eye level.

At times it was like the worst excesses of a supermarket plagued by a rash of impulse buy posters. There was a risk of seeing all while missing the one offer that would actually save you money.

We started on Buckingham Palace Road after parking-up in Victoria Coach Station - yes you can park in Victoria if you book in advance. Although in the middle of a two-and -a-half year improvement scheme, Victoria has space for up to 10 coaches. The price is negotiable.

Senior traffic orders officer, Dave Cargill, and traffic management officer, John Pitt, spoke in unison as the coach was pointed in the direction of the bus lane on Buckingham Palace Road - "no you can't". Despite my protests about the other coaches heading out of Victoria's famous portals for all points of the compass, I was quickly pulled back. It appears that they were on a scheduled service and, therefore, a bus.

It wouldn't be so bad if all the signs were consistent. Outside Victoria the prohibition reads 'except buses and refuse vehicles'. On Oxford Street it's 'NO MOTOR VEHICLES except buses and taxis'.

Not far away in Belgravia a picture of a bus appears in a red circle with '& coaches' added for good measure and 'except for ➔

A coach can use a bus lane, but it depends on the sign

Beeston Place: all vehicles with more than 12 seats banned

access to premises' given to allow flexibility.

Most bus lanes are identified by the universal rectangular blue plate with a picture of a bus - some have the legend '& coaches'. In Piccadilly the bus has 'local' written on its side.

However, with a little explanation it all makes sense - believe me.

Basically all traffic signs have to conform to specifications published in The Traffic Signs and General Directions Regulations unless specifically authorised by the Department of Transport.

Traffic signs that prohibit have Traffic Orders made by local authorities. Consequently the extent of the prohibition varies to meet local needs.

Drivers in London may encounter:

- With-flow bus lanes. Where the legend '& coaches' has been added to the bus lane sign, all vehicles constructed or adapted to carry 12 or more passengers may use these lanes.
- Contra-flow bus lanes. These are available only for vehicles being used to provide local services (eg Piccadilly) or local services and services where passengers have paid separate fares (eg Buckingham Palace Road).
- Oxford Street. Between 0700 and 1900 hours, Monday to Saturday, between Orchard Street and Charing Cross Road, Oxford Street is restricted to vehicles being used to provide local services or services where passengers have paid separate fares.

Belgravia area coach ban

- Right/left turn bans. Where the statutory prohibition sign has an 'except buses' plate attached this exemption applies only for local services and services where passengers have paid separate fares.

Where the exemption plate has 'except buses and coaches' vehicles constructed or adapted to carry 12 or more passengers may use the facility.

- Westminster coach ban - Belgravia and Bayswater. Vehicles constructed to carry more than 12 passengers are prohibited from streets displaying the traffic sign except for the purpose of picking-up or setting-down at premises in or adjacent to the street.
- Westminster coach ban - Wandsworth. All PSVs are prohibited except for access to load and unload.
- Westminster Bridge . All vehicles over 7.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight are banned except for London local services, excluding excursions and tours.
- Beeston Place, Victoria and Beauchamp Place, Kensington. All vehicles constructed or adapted to carry more than 12 passengers are prohibited. Separate authorisation is required by a police constable in uniform to enable access for picking-up and setting down.

One thing is clear. Those who erected the signs don't intend drivers to hide behind the construction and use regulations. A bus is a passenger-carrying vehicle with more than 12 seats on a regular service.

A coach is a PSV on other work. It doesn't matter what sort of seats it has, whether or not it qualifies for speed limiter or any other detail that makes it a bus in the eyes of the operator. So be warned.

These guide lines are as valuable to your staff as the *1992 Tourist Coach Parks* map produced by the London Tourist Board in association with the Metropolitan Police and the Bus and Coach Council. So it's not a bad idea to help them keep out of trouble by attaching a copy with the work ticket on that next London private hire.

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Imports climb as coach sales collapse continues

THE dramatic collapse in coach sales which started in 1990 accelerated in 1991, with a drop of more than 40 per cent, *writes Paul Heels*. All the leading contenders in the market have seen their sales slump, as the market has fallen by more than half from the 1989 level of around 1,400 vehicles.

The smaller operators seem to have suffered most from the recession and high interest rates. Their purchases have dropped by more than two thirds since 1989, whilst sales to larger operators are down by less than a quarter.

Import penetration of the coach chassis market crept up to almost 80 per cent (assuming Volvos assembled at Workington are classified as imports). The Volvo B10M continues to strengthen its position, edging towards the 50 per cent landmark.

The combined share of Volvo and Leyland climbed to 60 per cent in 1991. Leyland's market share actually showed a marginal increase, as dealers sought to shift outstanding stocks of the Swift and Tiger models. The Volvo B10M really proved to be the runaway market leader in 1991, as far as full sized coaches were concerned, with sales more than four times ahead of its nearest rival, the Leyland Tiger. The largest purchasers of coaches, Shearings, Parks and Wallace Arnold between them received more than 180 B10M. In fact, less than 20 per cent of Volvo's sales were to the smaller operators, whilst more than two thirds of the larger fleet purchases were Volvos.

The other competitors in the market must be hoping for a revival in demand from the smaller operators who tend to be less conservative in their choice of vehicles. DAF's sales were down by well over 50 per cent from 1990, putting it into third place behind Leyland. Deliveries were split roughly three to two between the rear engined SB and mid engined MB models, and were only 30 per cent of the figure achieved in 1989.

Scania held on to its market share pretty well, moving up into fourth place as it overtook Dennis, with sales split evenly between its K93 and K113 models.

Sales of the Dennis Javelin have always been confined largely to smaller operators, so a sharp drop in sales was to be expected, though the decline of 60 per cent was more than might have been anticipated.

However, there has been a strong move away from fully integral coaches from the continent, some of which tend to be at the top of the price range.

After three years in which sales averaged 50, Bova struggled to reach double figures in 1991. Not surprisingly, the TAZ Dubrava and Sanos Charisma models, Mercedes look-alikes from Yugoslavia, disappeared from the market, at least temporarily, after only a couple of years, reflecting the political upheaval in Yugoslavia.

Following a takeover, LAG's Eos model is now being marketed under the Van Hool name, alongside the well established T815 model. As a consequence Van Hool's sales registered a slight improvement.

The difficult market conditions have certainly killed off enthusiasm for the double-deck coach. Deliveries failed to reach double figures, and were confined to some Neoplans, mainly for use on National Express service.

The MAN 10 continued to enjoy success in the midi coach market, after its introduction in 1990, accounting for half the sales in this sector. The other main contender was the Leyland Swift, now no longer in production.

Plaxton's takeover of Duple seems to have had a dramatic effect on Plaxton's market share, which between 1989-91 has climbed from 36 per cent to 54 per cent.

However, even this success in capturing market share couldn't save Plaxton from a sharp decline in sales, down by more than 30 per cent from the steady level of around 500 recorded in the previous three years.

Plaxton bodywork is particularly popular amongst larger operators, accounting for around two thirds of the coaches built. In fact, about a half of Plaxton's output went to its three largest customers, Shearings, Parks and Wallace Arnold. Also, Plaxton continued to benefit from its contract to build Expressliner coaches for the National Express network.

Plaxton's success brought a significant fall in import penetration for the second year running. Indeed, Van Hool is now the only importer to enjoy a substantial market share, averaging 17 per cent over the last three years. Around half of Van Hool's deliveries went to Shearings.

The remaining importers contesting the UK market had to be content with very modest market shares of no more than 3 per cent with Caetano, Jonckheere and Berkhof topping the list. For Berkhof though, whose decision in 1990 to re-enter the market, seems in retrospect badly timed, this did represent a significant increase in sales. Both Caetano and Jonckheere, however, experienced sharp drops in deliveries of more than 60 per cent and 70 per cent respectively. Meanwhile, Ikarus sales showed a modest revival from the poor figure for 1990, but have still to make a significant impact on the market. The combined total of integral coaches built by Bova, Neoplan and Setra was less than 40.

COACH CHASSIS

Manufacturer	Number delivered		% of Total	
	1990	1991	1990	1991
Bova	49	12	4.5	1.9
DAF	130	59	11.8	9.4
Dennis	102	40	9.3	6.4
Duple	18	5	1.6	0.8
LAG	23	3	2.1	0.5
Leyland	112	82	10.2	13.1
MAN	29	27	2.6	4.3
Mercedes Benz	13	12	1.2	1.9
Neoplan	13	11	1.2	1.8
Scania	85	46	7.7	7.3
Setra	20	17	1.8	2.7
Van Hool	14	18	1.3	2.9
Volvo	471	295	42.8	47.0
Others	21	1	1.9	0.2
Total	1100	628		
Imports	868	500	78.9	79.6
Midi Coach*	56	43	5.1	6.8
Public Sector	55	27	5.0	4.3
Lge Private Sector	425	317	38.6	50.5
Small Private Sector+	620	284	56.4	45.2

Source: PSV Circle. Figures for 1991 are provisional. Late recording of deliveries by the PSV Circle means that these figures understate deliveries by 4 to 5%.

*Midi coaches are models with a maximum seating capacity of 35 or more, but an overall length of less than 11 metres.

+Small private sector operators are those with fleets of less than 50 PSV's.

COACH BODYWORK

Manufacturer	Number delivered		% of total	
	1990	1991	1990	1991
Berkhof	8	21	0.7	3.3
Bova	49	12	4.5	1.9
Caetano	58	25	5.3	4.0
Duple	110	33	10.0	5.3
Ikarus	10	19	0.9	3.0
Jonckheere	80	24	7.3	3.8
Neoplan	13	11	1.2	1.8
Plaxton	493	338	44.8	53.8
Reeve Burgess	13	7	1.2	1.1
Setra	20	17	1.8	2.7
Van Hool	177	106	16.1	16.9
Others	69	15	6.3	2.1
Total	1100	628		
Imports	468	246	42.5	39.2
Double-deckers	21	8	1.9	1.3

Mercedes dominates

On top: Mercedes

Gaining fast: Optare MetroRider

Slipping back: Renault

Out: Ford Transit

Minibus sales, down less than 10 per cent, held up relatively well in 1991's depressed PSV market. Some major conversions to minibus operation took place, for example, in Portsmouth, Southend and parts of London. Other operators were updating their minibus fleets, replacing first generation 16 seaters with larger models. Very few of the 1991 deliveries seated less than 23 passengers. Indeed, over 40 per cent were of the longest variants of the Mercedes, Renault and Optare ranges, which typically seat at least 30 passengers.

Some 45 per cent of minibuses delivered went to former NBC fleets, and a further 18 per cent to smaller independent operators. With the heyday of the minibus now past, it seems its use is being concentrated more in the smaller towns and rural areas.

Mercedes has now become the dominant supplier of minibuses. A modest increase in unit sales helped Mercedes to raise its market share to 58 per cent. Largest customer was Badgerline , which received 145 for its various subsidiaries. Other substantial orders were for Red Admiral's (43) Portsmouth services and 20 for Plymouth, the largest municipal order for minibuses.

The other success story in 1991 was Optare's revamped Metrorider, which enjoyed a more than four fold increase in sales, giving it nearly a fifth of the market. This helped to bring about a significant reduction in import penetration. Half the Metrorider production went to London Buses.

The only other manufacturer to retain a sizeable market share is Renault. But, it was substantially down as sales slumped by more than 50 per cent. Most of its sales went to two customers, 30 being for Eastern Scottish and 39 for South Yorkshire.

Other manufacturers, Ford, Iveco and DAF (Freight Rover) enjoyed substantial sales in the early stages of the minibus revolution. However, they now have an insignificant place in the market, as Ford and DAF (Freight Rover) are unable to supply the larger vehicles currently being specified.

With the boom in minibus sales now past, 1991 saw several bodybuilders go down. Carlyle, Dormobile and Pheonix were amongst the more notable casualties.

Plaxton subsidiary, Reeve Burgess, was able to take advantage of the situation, raising sales by more than a third, despite the disruption which must has been caused by the transfer of production to Scarborough. Largest customer was Badgerline, which had 130 on Mercedes chassis. Reeve Burgess also bodied Renaults for SMT and SYT.

MINIBUS CHASSIS

	Number delivered 1990	1991	% of total 1990	1991
DAF	52	14	5.9	1.8
Ford	26	13	3.0	1.7
Iveco Ford	58	23	6.6	2.9
Mercedes Benz	439	457	50.1	58.1
Optare	34	153	3.9	19.5
Renault	213	102	24.3	13.0
Talbot	42	12	4.8	1.5
Others	13	12	1.5	1.5
TOTAL	877	786		
Imports	503	412	57.4	52.4

Source: PSV Circle. Figures for 1991 are provisional. Late recording of deliveries by the PSV Circle means that figures understate deliveries by up to 5%.

Minibuses are classified as models with a maximum seating capacity of less than 35. Minicoaches are excluded from the analysis due to incomplete data being available.

MINIBUS BODYWORK

	Number delivered 1990	1991	% of total 1990	1991
Alexander	121	29	13.8	3.7
Carlyle	159	100	18.1	12.7
DAF	19	10	2.2	1.3
Dormobile	23	37	2.6	4.7
Northern Counties	13	9	1.5	1.1
Optare	38	162	4.3	20.6
Pheonix	48	8	5.5	1.0
PMT	19	13	2.2	1.7
Reeve Burgess	224	303	25.5	38.5
Talbot	41	12	4.7	1.5
Wright	101	49	11.5	6.2
Others	71	54	8.1	6.9
TOTAL	877	786		

The success of the Metrorider took Optare into second place in the market. Optare also bodied a small number of Mercedes chassis.

Before its demise, Carlyle sold a substantial number of bodies, mainly on Mercedes chassis, with Red Admiral the largest customer.

Both Alexander and Wright had delivered large numbers of minibuses to London Buses in 1990. With this operator increasingly turning to Dennis Dart and Optare Metrorider, both these bodybuilders experienced a sharp drop in minibus sales in 1991.

Four newcomers get licences - and lesson

EDUCATION is the way in which to get operators to run good safe buses, according to the West Midland Traffic Commissioner, John Mervyn Pugh.

This was made plain when the commissioner granted licences to four newcomers to the industry at a Birmingham public inquiry.

He said he was not there to dictate but to just merely advise operators. He suggested they adopt a system whereby each person who drove a vehicle had a duplicate book.

Each time he or she took a vehicle out they should put the date on the book and, if nothing was wrong, write "nil". The top copy was then handed in. That was daily nil reporting.

He wanted a letter sent to each driver in duplicate setting out their daily tasks. The second copy was to be signed and handed back to the operator, saying they had read the letter. He also wanted them to have a flow chart, showing when each vehicle's inspections were due.

Mr Mervyn Pugh emphasised that inspections were not a service, but were time based as part of a planned maintenance system. As all the maintenance of the four applicants was to be contracted out, he wanted them to book the vehicles in six months in advance with the garage concerned. Those dates could then be put on the flow chart.

He wanted them to buy a PSV Inspection Manual. It was also vital that the garage they used had a copy. The manual would help them familiarise themselves with the vehicle.

"You can contract your maintenance out but you cannot contract out your responsibilities," said Mr Mervyn Pugh.

He wanted to have an understanding that any defect found would be remedied before the vehicle went back on the road. He also wanted them all to take their vehicles back to the test station for a further MoT test.

'Mr Mervyn Pugh said there was a very good magazine called Coach and Bus Week . In its Licensing and Legal section all the people in trouble appeared. He did not want to see their names appear for that reason'

The system outlined would not work unless the vehicles were in good condition from the beginning. If the system was followed after the vehicles had passed their tests there was no way they could go wrong.

Trevor Walker, trading as Walker Travel, of Cheslyn Hay, near Walsall, had applied for a standard national licence for one vehicle.

Mr Walker said he had not been involved with the operation of buses before. His job had been that of a driver and he had acquired a 12-seater minibus.

Goldline International Travel Ltd, of Telford, had applied for a standard national licence for one vehicle.

Director Bernard Truby said they wished to operate one single-decked vehicle. He had not been on the operational side of things before, only driving.

Sukhdev Mander, of West Bromwich, had applied for a restricted licence for two minibuses. Mr Mander said that his main job was as a taxi driver.

Trevor Jones, trading as LA Cars, of Longford, Coventry, had applied for a restricted licence for one minibus.

Mr Jones said that he was expanding from taxis to minibuses.

Granting all four licences for the full five years, Mr Mervyn Pugh said there was a very good magazine called *Coach and Bus Week* which was available on subscription.

There was a section called *Licensing and Legal* in which all the people in trouble appeared.

He did not want to see their names appear for that reason.

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Cut to eight

THE authorisation on the licence held by Frederick Williams, trading as F T Williams Travel, of Camborne, has been cut from 12 to eight vehicles, after his second appearance before the Western Traffic Commissioner within two years.

Evidence was given to a Truro public inquiry that five immediate prohibition notices had been issued to Mr Williams' vehicles in the period between May 1991 and February 1992. A check of the inspection records showed that the declared period between inspections was not always being adhered to.

Expressing concern that this was the second public inquiry within two years resulting from adverse maintenance reports, the commissioner, Air Vice Marshal Ronald Ashford, issued a strong warning that, if there was not a marked and sustained improvement in maintenance standards, the licence would be at serious risk. He directed that a full maintenance investigation be carried out before the licence falls due for renewal in little over a month.

Airport service partners admit offences

OFFENCES in connection with the operation of a service to Manchester Airport have cost Stanley and John Murray, trading as Murrays Airport Transfer Services, £325 in fines and costs.

The partners pleaded guilty before Manchester City Magistrates to using a public service vehicle without a PSV licence identity disc displayed and without the operator's name and address marked on the side.

In addition, Stanley Murray pleaded guilty to permitting Carl Murray to drive a public service vehicle when not the holder of a PSV driver's licence.

Prosecuting for the Department of Transport, John Heaton said that, last September, a traffic examiner on duty at Manchester Airport saw 12 passengers get off a 12-seater minibus.

He identified himself to the driver. He established that the driver, Carl Murray, was employed by the firm and that he was not the holder of a PSV driving licence.

Departmental records showed that the firm was the holder of an operator's licence. On the same day another traffic examiner stopped a second vehicle being operated by the firm. The operator's licence identity disc was not legible. The lettering on the side of the vehicle was that of Select Travel, although it was established that Murrays was the operator.

'Stanley Murray admitted letting Carl Murray drive a PSV without a PSV driver's licence'

Stanley Murray said that his partner John Murray was on holiday at the time. He was trying to run the business on his own. He had trouble with a breakdown and a crash on the motorway held a vehicle up. He had to find another driver to take the passengers to the airport and Carl Murray agreed to drive.

They had borrowed a Select Travel vehicle and had not realised that there was no operator's licence in force. They did not use the vehicle after this incident. The problem was that he had run short of drivers and vehicles.

The magistrates fined Stanley Murray £160 and John Murray £110, ordering them to each pay £25 towards the costs of the prosecution.

Carl Murray pleaded guilty to unlawfully driving a public service vehicle when not the holder of a PSV licence.

His case was adjourned for the production of his driving licence.

Hancock gets suspension while vehicles are tested

ABERGAVENNY-based William Hancock had his licence suspended while his vehicles were put through a fresh MoT test, when he appeared before the South Wales Traffic Commissioner, John Mervyn Pugh, for the second time in 15 months.

Mr Hancock, who holds a licence for six vehicles, was subsequently given permission to operate the five vehicles that passed, and he was told that a sixth vehicle he had acquired could be put on the road when it went through a test.

When he initially appeared before the commissioner, Mr Hancock said he felt that three prohibition notices imposed on his vehicles were "not as serious as appeared on paper".

He had taken on board the maintenance system suggested by the South Wales Traffic Area, said Mr Hancock, and on the whole it was working well. Four of the vehicles were used on school contracts.

Mr Mervyn Pugh said that the faults found on the vehicles included engine oil leaks, insecure seats, a fuel leak, and an inoperative parking brake.

The commissioner referred to a defective tyre last September, but Mr Hancock said that the tyre had been re-cut in June to seven millimetres. The exposed portion had not been more than four inches by two inches and it had occurred through heat scrubbing the tyre, which caused a bulge and exposed the plies.

Inspection revealed faults

Producing a photograph of the tyre concerned, Mr Mervyn Pugh said that the exposed portion had been more than four inches long. The tyre was in an appaling state and must have been missed on inspection.

He pointed out that the type of inspection sheet being used was incorrect, as it did not tie up with the tester's manual.

Asked how he used the inspection manuals, Mr Hancock, who has been a PSV operator for 22 years, admitted that he did not refer to them. He said that this was the first time he had realised that the inspection sheets did not tie up with the manual.

"I cant tell you how to do things. All I can do is advise you and it is up to the operator to see his vehicles are safe on the road at all times," said Mr Mervyn Pugh. "Yours are not."

Mr Hancock said that, since September, there had been no problems. He had spent a lot of money and he now thought that he was running correctly.

Suspending the licence from midnight, Mr Mervyn Pugh said that, if all the vehicles passed a MoT test, and he was satisfied about future maintenance, there might be a glimmer of hope.

'People in South Wales know I am a man of my word. Try to put behind you the appaling record and run a safe fleet' - John Mervyn Pugh

Suggesting that Mr Hancock consider sending the vehicles to a commercial garage for inspections, Mr Mervyn Pugh warned that, if the vehicles were seen carrying passengers, and the traffic examiner would be looking, there would be no point in coming back before him. He said: "You have let yourself down. I am doing this for the safety of the public and in an endeavour to keep you as an operator."

When the hearing resumed, Douglas Gough, a DTp vehicle examiner, said he had spoken to Mr Hancock about his future and he felt that he was capable of maintaining his own vehicles. However, the situation would need careful monitoring.

Curtailing the duration of the licence so that it now expires at the end of August, Mr Mervyn Pugh said: "A week ago you were a thoroughly chastened man in the abyss for the second time.

"You must be thankful that friends came to your rescue. This is part of the Welsh trait, I knew it would happen. You have the summer to prove you can run your fleet safely and well. The reason you have been in trouble is that inspections were not up to scratch."

Mr Mervyn Pugh said that the suspension of Mr Hancock's licence could have had a harmful effect, but he understood that no contracts had been lost. If there were no more prohibitions, and Mr Hancock had been running good safe buses, he would be given a full licence on renewal.

"People in South Wales know I am a man of my word," said Mr Mervyn Pugh. "Try to put behind you the appaling record and run a safe fleet. I want you to stay in the industry. Prove to me you can."

Action against Lewis Coaches adjourned

SOUTH Wales Traffic Commissioner, John Mervyn Pugh, has adjourned until May consideration of disciplinary action against the licence held by Ronald Lewis, trading as Lewis Coaches, of Aberdare.

In January 1991, after maintenance problems, Mr Lewis was granted a licence for one year.

Mr Mervyn Pugh said that the issue of three immediate prohibitions in those 12 months was clearly indicative that the advice given by the DTp to Mr Lewis about the maintenance of his vehicles had not been followed up.

Seeking an adjournment, Barry Prior, for Mr Lewis, said that he had got three of his vehicles through a fresh MoT test in the past month.

Agreeing to an adjournment, Mr Mervyn Pugh said that it was a very serious case and as the position stood the licence could well be revoked. "There comes a time when patience runs out, especially when advice falls on deaf ears," he said. Mr Lewis would be allowed to operate the three vehicles with current MoT certificates. The rest of the vehicles would be suspended from the licence and the suspension would only be lifted when current MoT certificates for those vehicles were sent to the Traffic Area Office.

Indicating that in May Mr Lewis would have to satisfy him that he had an acceptable maintenance system which had been put into effect, Mr Mervyn Pugh said: "It saddens me that you have been here before and advice given has not been accepted which has resulted in failure.

"If you find difficulty in getting your vehicles through an MoT your whole licence is in jeopardy. You have a lot of work to do."

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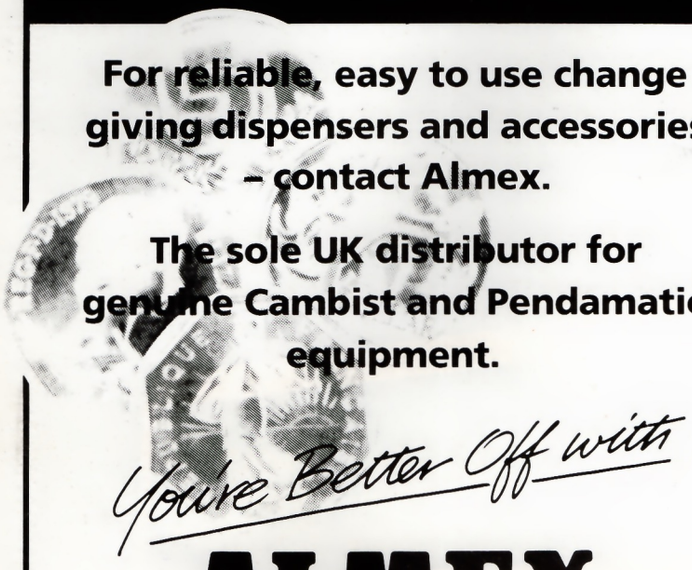

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Contact Mike Scanes, Managing Director, Maintenance Technology, PO Box 19, Teignmouth, Devon TQ14 8BA.

Additions to ZF's range

ZF Friedrichshafen AG, one of Europe's major suppliers to the PSV industry, has two new additions to the company's range of transmission, axle and steering products for commercial vehicles: ZF Ecosplit 3 transmission and ZF Servocom steering system with Servotronic.

Both will be displayed at the IAA commercial vehicle exhibition Hannover, May 9-17, 1992.

The latest in a line of Ecosplit developments which is claimed to raise the shift quality in commercial vehicles, Ecosplit 3 is lighter than its predecessors through the compact design of the transmission and the use of an all-aluminium housing.

An Ecosplit 3 transmission fitted with a ZF secondary retarder only weighs the same as an Ecosplit 2 without the retarder.

In addition, the integral clutch bell housing and housing rigidity have reduced noise levels by up the six dB(A).

While new short travel and double-cone synch-ronisers have contributed greatly to reducing shift effort to standards comparable with those of private cars.

The ZF Servotronic steering system, originally developed for cars, is now available for commercial vehicles. It is claimed to overcome the compromise between lack of feel at high speed and reduced effort when parking.

Servotronic is a 'parameter' steering system designed with variable valve characteristics which change according to the vehicle speed and load. Thus, it ensures that the driver always has the optimum performance. It is available with the established Servocom steering systems and features the electro-hydraulic servo valve and electronic control unit proven in 300,000 cars.

Hydraulic specialists join forces

TWO UK hydraulic specialists have merged to create one of Europe's largest independent hydraulic engineering groups.

Peacock & Archer Ltd of Leek and Command Hydraulics Ltd of Merseyside have announced a share exchange, but the individual companies in the group will continue to operate using existing trading names but under a new group name - P & A Command Ltd with registered offices located at Higher Woodcroft, Leek, Staffordshire.

Band III firms merge

GEC National One and Band Three Radio have merged. A new joint venture company called National Band Three has ordinary share capital split equally between Vodafone and GEC.

John Peett, a director of Vodafone Group plc and chairman of the joint venture, said: "The amalgamation of GEC National One and Band Three Radio will enable us to continue to provide a first-class service to our customers.

"The combined subscriber bases will generate a revenue stream sufficient to cover the ongoing investment in the network.

"The new business will have financial strength and operational expertise to fully develop the market in the UK for fleet mobile communications."

Vodafone Group plc recently acquired 100 per cent ownership of Band Three Radio from its original joint venture partners Philips, Securicor and Aircall.

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Big year for maritime attractions

1992 seems like a year of maritime tradition, with a huge number of new exhibitions and attractions available this year to coach operators.

The National Maritime Museum at Greenwich is staging its 'Pirates: Fact and Fiction' exhibition through summer - a happy coincidence with the release of Spielberg's new movie 'Hook' and certain to be a huge hit with school groups. Information about this exhibition has been slow to filter through to teachers, and an approach by the operator may result in a booking.

The NMM also has a four-day International Wooden Boat Show on its lawns from June 4 to 7. Around 100 wooden boats ancient and modern will be dry-docked in the garden, with demonstrations of sail-making and rigging, canoe paddling, music and a boat race from Greenwich to Gravesend and back by classic smacks, yachts and barges. Full details of all NMM events are available by 'phoning 081 858 4422, and asking for group bookings.

■ Down in Hampshire, the Royal Navy Submarine Museum is reporting a dramatic rise in visitor numbers following the use of HMS Alliance in backdrops for BBC's Lovejoy series.

The Gosport attraction almost doubled its February visitor target and the local MP even raised the issue in The Commons! Upgrading in HMS Alliance is hoped to keep the momentum, and a monthly competition to win a continental holiday is expected to generate interest in Naval submarine history.

The Submarine Museum could be itinerised as part of a naval museum tour. Also in the area are the Royal Naval Museum and Royal Marines Museum, and the Fleet Air Arm Museum is only up the road at Yeovilton, Somerset. Joint entry tickets are available with the Royal Marines Museum at Eastney and HMS Warrior at Portsmouth.

A special tour dedicated to HMS Victory's 16-millionth visitor was shared by the Curry family of Leicester when they stepped aboard the Portsmouth-based ship. Admiral Sir John Kerr (far right) and Lieutenant Commander David Harris (far left) presented them with a copper bolt engraved with a view of HMS Victory as a memento.

Full details of visits are available from the RNSM, a registered charity, on 0705 510354.

■ Mary Rose Trust prices have been announced for 1992 on the 10th anniversary of its raising from the bed of the Solent.

To commemorate its rescue, an exhibition is to be staged from July 19, following a staggering 3 million visits by the public. Late opening in July and August will no doubt help boost the number.

Admission this year is set at £3.90 for adults, £2.50 for children and students, and £3 for OAPs. Family tickets for four are available at £10.50.

Full details are available by 'phoning Mary Rose Trust on 0705 750521.

Lakeside meal stop

OPERATORS using the M62 may not have noticed a nearby meal stop - Hollingworth Lake near Rochdale.

The council-run restaurant here, overlooking the East Pennines, is just a mile and a half from junction 21 out of Milnrow on the B6225. Built in a conservation area, it has beautiful views over the lake and its wildfowl - birdwatchers can use an adjacent hide.

Since it has 40 covers only, pre-booking is a must. But the provision of doorstep set-down, ramps and adapted toilets will encourage operators carrying disabled passengers.

Menu can be anything from a cream tea to an oriental meal, served throughout the day and in the evening to order. A typical and popular buffet menu including fried chicken, sandwiches, quiche and gateau is just £3.10 ex VAT, and is commissionable.

Full details, visits and booking can be had from Sandra at the local council offices, on 0706 354484, ext 3541.

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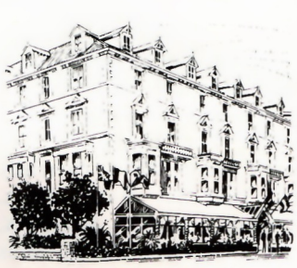

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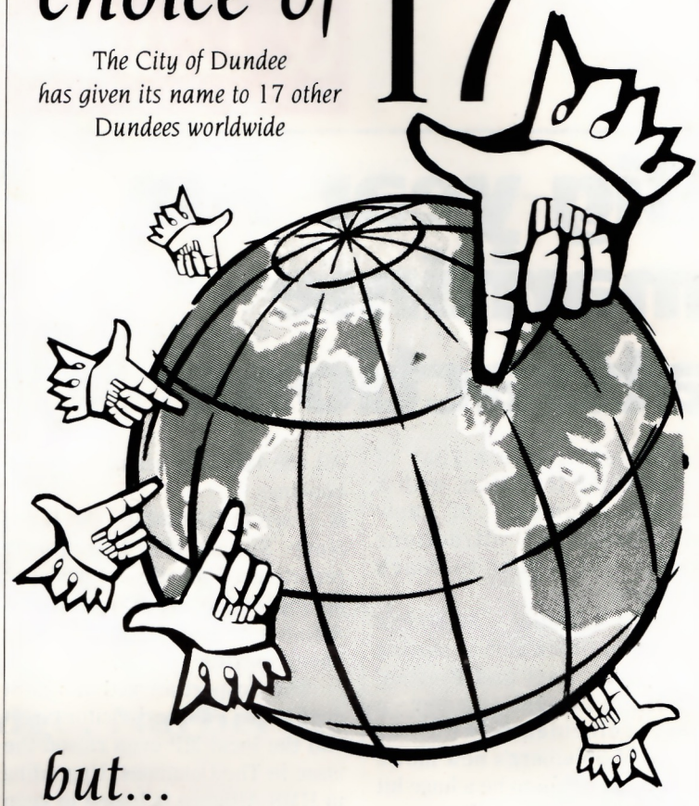

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"In order to enable Amsterdam traffic to keep moving as it should, and to save operators from inconvenience, we have mapped the city routes and p;laces where coaches can unload passengers," explains Erwin Sneiders, of the Amsterdam Tourist Office.

Set-down points are now restricted to nine areas, with a number of set-down bays in each. They are:

- Damrak near rederij Plas (five coach bays)
- Prins Hendikkade near the Rederij Holland Int, boat company (four bays)
- Prins Hendikkade near Rederij Lovers boat company (three bays)
- Spuistraat near the De Vijff Vlieghen restaurant (two bays)
- Oude Turfmarkt near the Kooy boat company (two bays)
- Westermarkt near Westerkerk church (one bay)
- Nieuwe Uilenburgerstraat near the Waterlooplein (six bays)
- Kattenburgerstraat near the Scheepvaartmuseum (two bays)
- Honthorststraat near Museumplein (four bays)

Parking in the centre of Amsterdam is then restricted to five sites, amounting to over 130 coach bays. They are; the Prins Hendrikkade/Oosterdokdam, a supervised coach park at 4 Guilders per hour; Rapenburg, again supervised at 4 Guilders per hour; Museumplein, same as above, but should be booked on 010 31 20 684 8481; Oostelikje Handelskade/Piet Heinkade, free; and Kattenburgerstraat, at the viaduct, again free of charge.

A map of the parking can be obtained from VVV Amsterdam Tourist Office, Postbus 3901, 1001 AS Amsterdam, Holland, Fax: 010 31 20 625 2869.

Antique show

ANTIQUES buffs will be flocking to the NEC next January when the London and Provincial Antique Dealers' Association stages a major antiques fair.

Normally held in London, the annual LAPADA show is taking itself north to enjoy new visitors. This year's fair, encompassing some 700 dealers, is staged at the Royal College of Art near the Albert Hall from October 13 to 18. In all, 65 exhibitors are displaying a range of antiques, many themed to the '92 subject, Foliage and Flowers in Art.

While an unusual destination, the show may be ideal for Rotarians, Round Tables and upmarket social clubs. Tickets at individual rate are £10, with significant reductions for group bookings negotiable by the operator.

Contact The Show Secretary, Tel: 071 823 3511, Fax: 071 823 3522, for full details of booking.

QMH profits rise despite recession

QUEEN'S Moat Houses has announced pre-tax profits down round 4 percent at £90.4 million.

The hotel group blames rent and interest increases for the drop, which occurred despite operating profits up from £142.4 million in 1990 to £156.8 million in 1991. Despite the recession, which it hardest at UK hotels, QMH has added a further 2,605 bedrooms to its portfolio including three new hotels in the UK. QMH now covers 10 European countries with 190 hotels.

New manual for the cider country

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To get a copy, contact the tourism unit of Taunton Deane Borough Council, Tel: 0823 332074.

Bristol in conference

CONFERENCES in Bristol are a little easier to arrange thanks to a new conference and exhibition manual published this year. The comprehensive guide gives all hotels with suitable conference accommodation, including the city's university-owned facilities.

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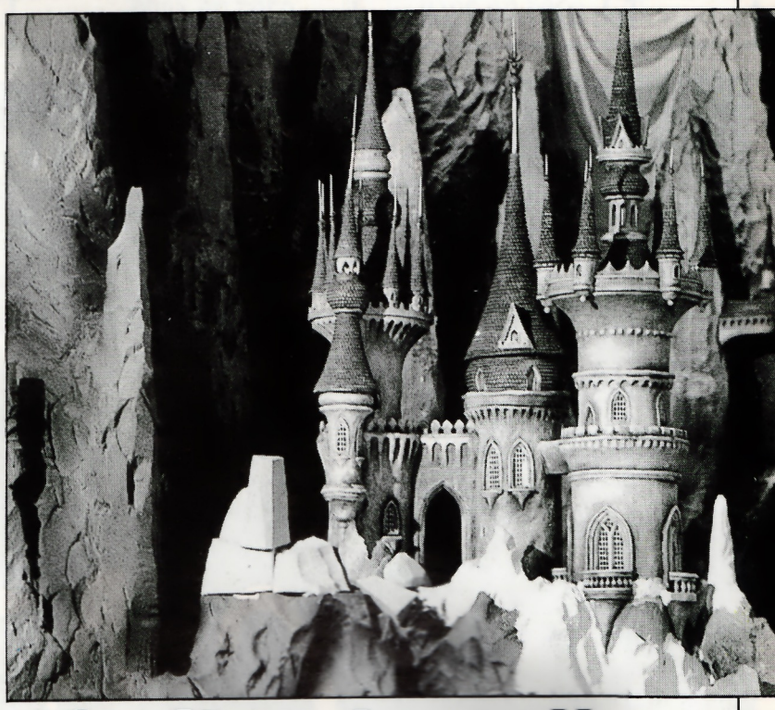

Efteling installs £6million ride

TOP Dutch theme park De Efteling has spent almost £6 million on its new attraction - a 'dark ride' (above) which takes youngsters into the land of fairytales. The huge new ride covering 2,500 square metres can take 1,800 visitors an hour.

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Scotland 'defies trend' says Grant

IN the press conference which opened Scotland's Travel Fair, tourist board chairman Ian Grant (right) said that tourism had become Scotland's largest industry.

"Scotland has defied the trends," said Mr Grant. "It would be an understatement to say that the travel industry had a difficult time in 1991. But in most key sectors, Scotland's travel figures were at least level with 1990, and in some cases much better."

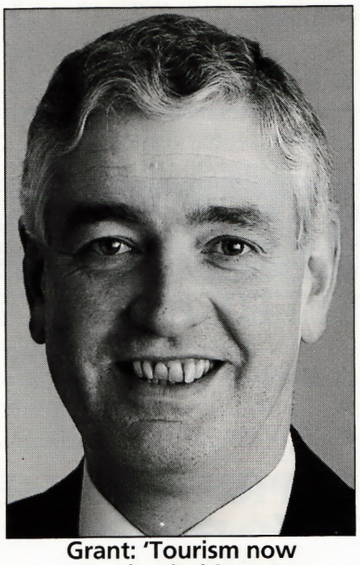
He said the North American market, which fell 27 per cent in the United Kingdom as a whole, suffered only a 17 per cent drop in Scotland. The time had come for the domestic market to stay at home.

"The Scots rediscovered Scotland," he said. "The home market expanded by 29 per cent, and the UK market expanded 15 per cent. Tourist is now Scotland's largest industry, and the Scotland Travel Fair is a vital element in that growth."

Total tourism income in Scotland is now £1.7 billion, half of which comes from domestic tourism - 30 per cent from England and 20 per cent from Scotland. Tourism employed 185,000 people.

As a reflection of this, almost half the 1,000 buyers who pre-registered for Scotland's Travel Fair were overseas tour operators and organisers.

Mr Grant said he was expecting growth in the conference market, thanks to the Scottish Convention Bureau set up recently, and from the home market.



Grant: 'Tourism now Scotland's biggest industry

Thistle awards launched

SCOTTISH destinations, attractions and operators will be getting recognition for their efforts promoting the province this year when the Scottish Tourist Board launches its new Thistle Award scheme.

Nine awards will be made in October to the Scottish Tourism Industry. Seven have been sponsored but STB is looking for sponsors for the others.

"Tourism doesn't achieve the recognition it deserves," said Ian Grant, STB chairman, as he launched the awards at STF. "It is important that those who lead by example are recognised."

Categories are Training Initiative of the Year, Student of the Year, Young Manager of the Year, Marketing Campaign of the Year, Small Business Marketing Award, Off Season Campaign Award, the Tourist Information Centre Award, Best Tour Operator and the Bill Heron Trophy - the last rewarding the most significant contribution to tourism for the year.

The Scottish Thistle Awards for Tourism are co-ordinated by Tina Rose. She can be contacted at 2/6 Lady Stairs Close, Edinburgh EH1 2PA, Tel: 031 225 7016, Fax: 031 226 2880.

Go to jail, collect profits

COACH operators who have used Inverary Jail may soon get some good news - the attraction is negotiating with the local council for better coach parking and set-down.

The displays fall into the 'living history' category, with costumed guides acting out roles and the exhibitions being brought to life with authentic smells from its sometimes gruesome past. On the main Oban and Islands road, Inverary makes a useful stop, though no catering is available at the jail itself.

Last year, 116,000 visitors attended, with particular interest being shown by family groups. "We don't go out to shock," the jail's Kathy Cameron said. "But visitors get a very truthful representation of life in a 19th Century jail.

"We now have better facilities for overseas groups. Our brochure is translated into several languages and information in the exhibition is also in foreign languages. Coach set-down is directly outside the entrance. Inverary Castle would make a useful additional attraction, with its catering, for tour groups in the area.

Contact Kathy Cameron, on 0499 2381, Fax: 0499 2195, for full details of '92 group rates.

Get a taste of Baxters

WITH 150,000 visitors a year - crowds which make access by coach impossible in July and August - the Baxters centre at Fochabers is one of Scotland's most popular industrial attractions.

The Scottish family firm which is almost synonymous with Royal Game Soup, jam and marmalade has a fairytale story to tell - from stately home's gardener to multi-million pound soup maker in 120 years.

Entry to the visitor centre is free. It offers an audio-visual show, a guided factory tour on weekdays (not suitable for wheelchairs), the Old Shop Museum, restaurant, picnic area and woodland walks. It opens 9.30 am, or 10 am weekends, to 4.30 pm all year round. All coach visits must be booked in advance but Baxters warn that July and August afternoons will not be available to coach groups. Souvenirs are sold on site, with Baxter's produce.

Contact the tours department on 0343 820393. Baxters is west of Elgin on the A96.

Merger still on the cards

SCOTTISH Tourist Board chairman, Ian Grant, would not dismiss the possibility of a merge between Scotland's Travel Fair '93 and the hugely successful British Travel Trade Fair.

He said discussions were already under way to see if a formula could be reached which would satisfy two very different shows: "But until the package is right, STF will remain in the diary," he said.

This year, several Scottish exhibitors took stand space at Birmingham - one boycotting STF in its favour. For the first time, Northern Irish and Welsh tourist boards supported the event, the Welsh simultaneously disbanding their own Travelpact show.

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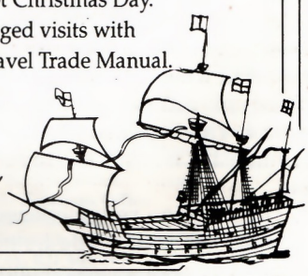

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Antarctic exhibits at Lomond

LITTLE could draw attention away from Loch Lomond but a nearby exhibition may prove useful if the weather turns nasty.

The British Antarctic Survey exhibition, at Antartex Village near Balloch, charts the advances made by explorers on the South Pole. It was scientists at Antarctic bases who first spotted the hole developing in the ozone layer, and now carefully chart changes in the polar ice cap as the greenhouse effect begins to be felt.

The BAS has a mock Antarctic base set up in Antartex Village, together with displays of equipment used in expeditions. Especially interesting is the clothing - made on the site for almost 40 years - used by explorers to combat temperatures many degrees below zero.

The Antartex factory tour begins with a display of machinery originally used to process sheepskin for expedition use. It moves on to the modern equivalents, still hand-picked and sewn from sheepskin. At the end of the tour, there is a coffee shop serving light refreshments. There is plenty of coach parking.

Antartex and the BAS is on Lomond Industrial Estate, at Alexandria, Tel:0389 54263.

STB adds new Deluxe grade

THE first hotel to achieve the Scottish Tourist Board's Deluxe grading is the luxurious but small Devonshire of Glasgow.

The new Deluxe grading is the latest development in the STB's classification system introduced in 1985, and subsequently adopted by English and Welsh tourist boards. Grading recognises the difficulty in separating hotels which have the facilities to qualify for high crown ratings but lack 'character', location or are less than luxurious. Conversely, some historic hotels which cannot satisfy all demands for high crown ratings - for instance, listed buildings which cannot be developed - are nonetheless of extremely high standard.

The STB says it will annually inspect all hotels which have joined the grading scheme. It will be looking at the standard of decoration, friendliness, attitude, efficiency, tourist information and the general ambience. Inspectors from a large team will book anonymously into the hotels to assess them.

Grades are; Approved, denoting acceptable quality; Commended, of good quality; Highly Commended, of very good quality; and the new Deluxe, denoting top quality. Only the top two or three percent are expected to fall into the Deluxe band.

The STB says hotels in the grading scheme have enjoyed increased occupancy, particularly in relation to foreign visitors.

Grading: New deluxe for top hotels

Biggar puppet show

THE little town of Biggar hides some surprising attractions, including an international touring puppet theatre.

Biggar Little Theatre seats 100 adults and children and its founder, Jill Purves, says it is suitable for both. Open for six years, it has become established with a number of coach companies not only for the show but also for fun cheese and wine cabaret evenings at £6 a head.

Guided tours of the little theatre are £1.50, lasting half an hour, with performances arranged specially for pre-booked coach parties and costed according to the group size.

Biggar, on the A702 Abington-Edinburgh road, is also the site of the last pre-reform church to be built, a children's playground and park, and four museums. dealing with subjects as diverse as religious persecution and natural gas production.

For details of Purves' Puppet Theatre 'phone 0899 20631. Biggar Tourist Information Centre is on 0899 21066.

Harry Ramsden in Scotland

HARRY Ramsden may be synonymous with Yorkshire fish and chips, but Glasgow too now has a branch of Britain's most famous fast-food chain.

A new Scottish franchise will see a number of new Harry Ramsden restaurants springing up in the province, but the Glasgow branch is the first. CBW visited during STF and enjoyed an excellent meal of the highest standard.

The fish and chip supper - or indeed lunch - is an unmissable meal stop for foreign groups. The site of Harry Ramsden's in Glasgow, in the shadow of a massive flyover and surrounded by offices and industry, won't endear it to sightseers but the speed of service, quality and the provision of coach parking will meet with operator and driver approval.

A main course of haddock, chips, read and butter, tea, coffee or a soft drink is under a fiver at menu prices, and negotiable by operators. The restaurant is licensed. Contact Harry Ramsden's, at 251 Paisley Road, on 041 429 3700.

Group meals afloat or ashore at canal centre

AS a meal stop destination, there's little to rival the Edinburgh Canal Centre for choice.

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After 21 years of trading, the canal centre has won a number of accolades, many underlining its experience and suitability for family groups. It was winner of the Booker Prize for Best pub in Britain, has won a Best Family Pub award and another for Children's Caterer of the Year.

Pub catering is provided in the Bridge Inn and the Pop Inn - built with 60 covers and ideal for coach groups. The Pop Inn has 'no smoking' areas, a children's play area, disabled loo and ramped flooring.

The boats can both take up to 36 passengers on routes which take in views of Edinburgh Castle and Almond Aqueduct - the third largest in the UK. Food is prepared and served on board. Menus can be anything from a barbeque to a full dinner.

Edinburgh Canal Centre is five minutes from Edinburgh Airport just off the A71 Livingston-Edinburgh road. It is also signposted from the A8 Newbridge Roundabout. Tel: 031 333 1320 /1251 /1629, Fax: 031 333 3480.

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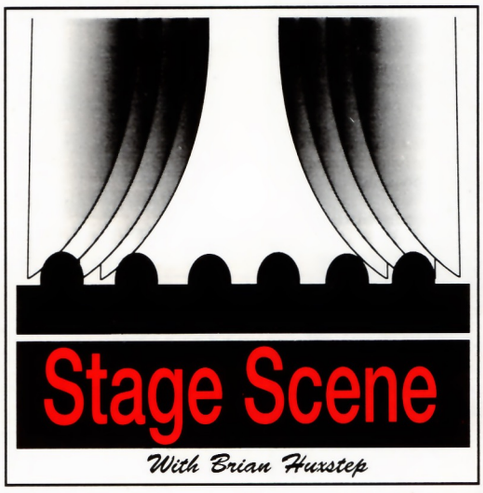

WITH summer on the way, there are lots of good things to look forward to at the theatre with new plays and musicals. After a sell-out tour of the United States last summer, from June 30 at the Albert Hall for seven performances only, is the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Michael Crawford - undoubtedly one of the big events of the year.

Moby Dick (Piccadilly Theatre) is a whale of a tale! The new Cameron Mackintosh production opened in April to mixed reviews.

The gang here went to one of the previews and then again a few weeks later - it's an evening of great fun and good lively music with terrific performances from the cast - notably Tony Monopoly as the headmistress Miss Dorothy Hymen (and subsequent lead Captain Ahab in the schools fundraising musical extravaganza), "the music is terrific...it's the most original, mad, wild, off the wall show" Jack Tinker (*Daily Mail*).

Some Like It Hot (Prince Edward Theatre) - the musical tale of two men who join a women's orchestra to escape the mafia - starring Tommy Steele, Billy Boyle and Mandy Merrimen - also opened recently.

This show has everything - a foot-tapping score, witty lyrics - a thoroughly professional show set in the depression of the '20s.

Those of you who have taken groups when the show was on tour, will know the pull this show has, and will no doubt agree that the critics are not always right.

Reflected Glory starring Albert Finney - the new play by Ronald Harwood opened on the April 8 at the Vaudeville Theatre.

Exploring the theme of sibling rivalry with much humour and sensitivity as it follows the relationship of estranged brothers as they attempt reconciliation, the memories recalled are both funny and touching in this warm and witty play.

Sikulu, a celebration of African song and dance from the creators of Ipi Tombi, opened at the Queens Theatre in April - "one of the most exhilarating productions for a long time."

Straight and Narrow at the Wyndhams Theatre starring Nicholas Lyndhurst and Carmel McSharry, a brilliant comedy with some very sharp lines - Carmel McSharry steals the show as the harping but doting mother.

What's On

Or not as the case may be - The Chippendales as I mentioned last time - to wow those all-female audiences will be appearing (in the flesh!) for a short season at The Strand Theatre.

An Evening With Gary Lineker described as "One of the sharpest and funniest comedies" (Daily Telegraph). Five friends gather in a hotel room in Majorca to watch the 1990 World Cup. Monica has a common problem - her husband Bill is obsessed with football.

News

Su Pollard and Jane How will return to **Don't Dress For Dinner** from Wednesday April 16 to rejoin the cast of this hilarious comedy involving wives, husbands, mistresses and lovers by Marc Camoletti (some rates available mid-week and matinees).

Pre-West end at the Theatre Royal Plymouth, Stefanie Powers will star in **Rain**, set in the oppressive hot-house atmosphere of the South Seas, where torrential rains have trapped a party of Europeans in a small hotel - "the feverish atmosphere quickly reaches boiling point..."

Box offices are open now for two new plays:

Blue Angel at The Globe - described as a play with music based on the life and times of Marlene Deitrich written by Pam Gems and opens May 8 - will be going to see this on the May 18 so will let you know - watch this space.

A Slip Of The Tongue at the Shaftsbury starring John Malkovich the story...a leading dissident writer is exiled in rural isolation by the government. The story follows his relationship with four female university students.

New Booking Periods

Les Miserables "if you cant get a ticket steal one" has already opened for the winter period and is booked heavily.

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Phoenix	**Blood Brothers**
Piccadilly	**Moby Dick**
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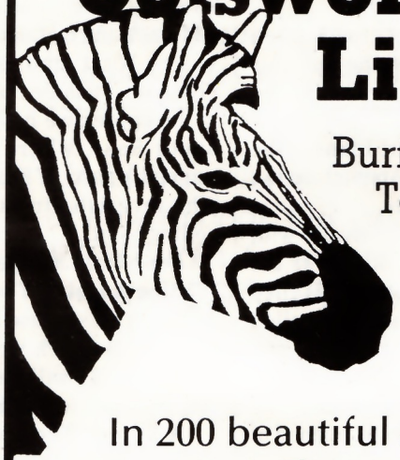

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88 TOYOTA OPTIMO, 19-21 seats, low mileage.
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87 IVECO 18 seat, power door.
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87 (D) FREIGHT ROVER, Deansgate, 16 dsl.
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87 MERCEDES 609, 26 ch seats, tested.
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86 MERCEDES 609D, 21 luxury, tested.
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84 MCW DD Cummins, 73 seats, testing.
84 NEOPLAN MERC 75 seat, full spec, tested, V10 man box.
84 MAN VAN HOOL, Astron, 57 seats, Executive, testing.
83 DODGE R BURGESS, diesel, auto, 17 F door.
83 TRANSIT 15 seat diesel, non PSV.
83 A MERCEDES 508, 19 seat, PSV.
82 B10 GOLDLINER, 53 recliners, tested.
82 Y DAF Jonckheere 2300, Exec, toilet, tested.
82 B10 GOLDLINER, 46, toilet, tested.
81 DAF 200 Exec, 48 + TV, Alpha, tested. Offers
81 VOLVO B58, 53 large seats, Duple II, new test.
80 LEYLAND NATIONAL, 680 Bendi Bus, low mil, exhibition vehicle, offers.
79 VOLVO PLAXTON 53 retrimmed, ZF, tested.
79 V VOLVO Duple II, 50 + toilet, new test.
79 SEDDON GARDNER, service bus, manual box, power steering.
79 V FORD PLAXTON, 45 seats, Turbo, testing.
79 VOLVO SUPREME V, ZF, requires test, offers.
79 FORD TURBO Duple II, 35 seats, testing.
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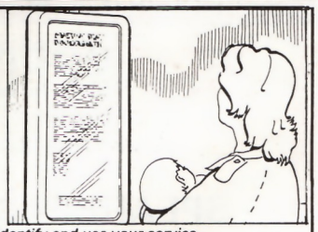

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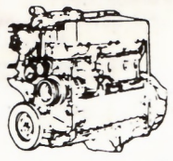

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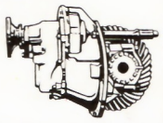

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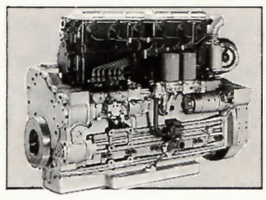

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Blue Bird buys out

AMERICAN bus builder Blue Bird Body, whose product line includes the distinctive bonnetted school bus and Wanderlodge recreational vehicles, has been sold to a management led leveraged buy-out in conjunction with Merrill-Lynch Capital Partners of New York. Blue Bird president since 1986, **Paul Glaske**, is to retain his position.

Among the senior managers are: **James Grantham**, vice president of manufacturing; **Richard Maddox**, vice president of sales; and **Bob Wallace**, vice president of finance. **Bill Bankston** will head the Wanderlodge Division as vice president and general manager of the company's motor coach operations.

Mr Glaske saw two strands to the company's future: "First we must continue to be recognised as the innovator and quality leader within the school bus industry. Second, we will aggressively pursue our strategic plans to penetrate further the commercial bus field, with renewed focus upon various domestic and international niche markets."

Blue Bird already has some new products under development. It recently delivered a fleet of commuter/airport vehicles[to Portland, Oregon airport. A new transit-style bus for touring and urban applications is being built. These units incorporate some of the features found in the Wanderlodge motor coaches. An advanced design bonnetted school bus, which uses an exclusive General Motors chassis is on the way. The company is also developing practical applications for alternative fuelled buses and is to provide 100 natural gas vehicles to the California Energy Commission for use in 12 school districts.

Mark J Welden has been appointed as director of sales - international division. Reporting to Richard Maddox - Blue Bird's vice president - sales, Mr Welden is responsible for all the company's international sales operations.

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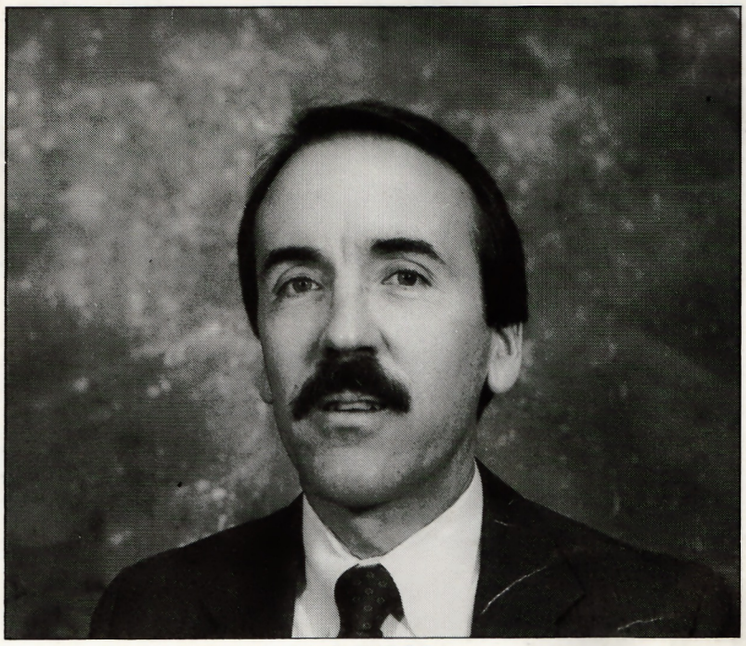

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Mr Glaske said: " Our international activities are extensive and involve south and central America, Asia, Africa, the United Kingdom and continental Europe, Mexico and the middle east. Mark Welden's varied and extensive export background will certainly be of value in the further development of our business around the world."

Scrymgeour is chief controller

GEORGE SCRYMGEOUR, 44, has been appointed by GM Buses as its new chief controller of services, with a remit to maintain reliable bus services on the road as well as ancillary responsibilities for the recovery service and the radio control system.

Mr Scrymgeour, who is a member of the Chartered Institute of Transport and the British Institute of Management, was formerly depot operations manager at Atherton with GMB, a post he had held since February 1990.

He joined GMB's predecessor Greater Manchester PTE in 1971 as work study engineer after serving an apprenticeship and working in work study with British Aerospace.

After progressing through a number of posts his last position with the PTE was as area administration officer at GMPTE's northern division.

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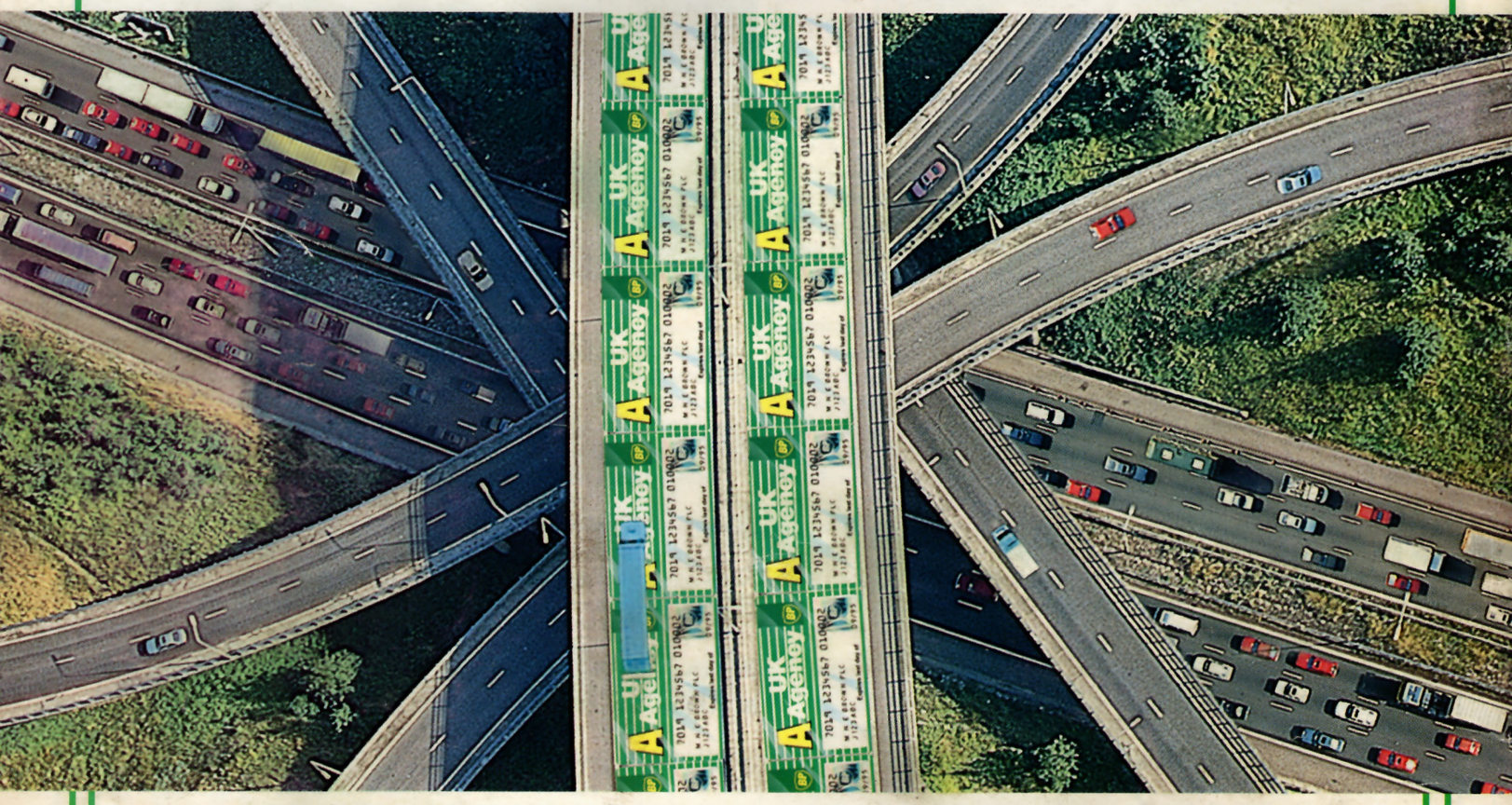

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